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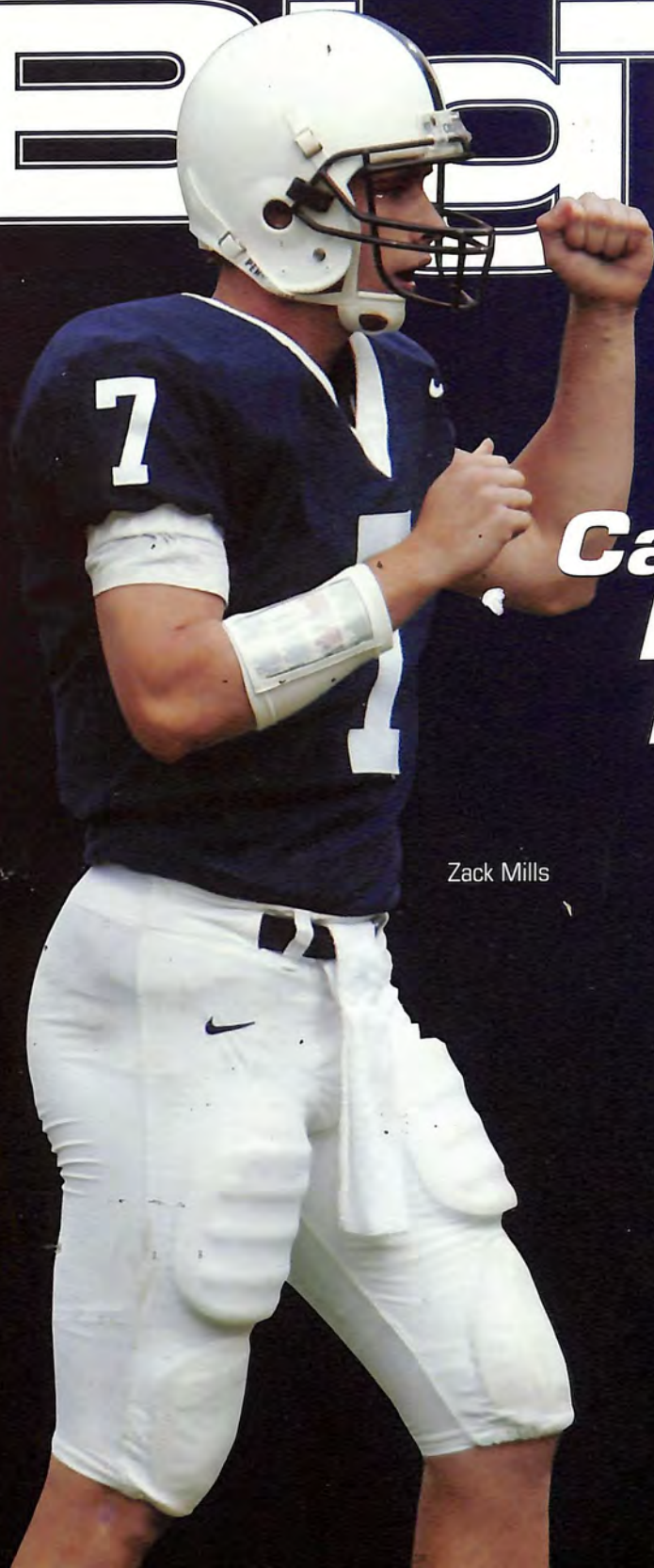
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# Editor's Letter

**Q**uick: Name the 2005 conference affiliations of Cincinnati, Louisville, Marshall, Rice, SMU, TCU, UCF and Tulsa. Take your time. It's not exactly easy, is it?

The landscape of college is dramatically changing once again.

Ten years ago, as the Southwest Conference was going away, the Big East was just beginning football and Conference USA wasn't even a twinkle in anyone's eye, most experts thought the next domino — perhaps the only domino of significance — left to fall was Notre Dame joining a conference, presumably the Big Ten.

Well, Notre Dame is still an Independent, but some pretty big dominos have fallen, shaking up the college football landscape.

The latest to fall of course are Miami, Virginia Tech and Boston College. Those heavy-hitters have fallen out of the Big East and into the ACC. Suddenly the Miami-Florida State football game in September rivals Duke-North Carolina basketball as the biggest sporting event in the ACC. So there's little question that the competition in the ACC will be one of the most watched stories of the season. The burning question in the Carolinas may be, "Will we ever see the top of the conference again?" Recent history would suggest that the ACC champion's trophy may not leave the state of Florida for quite a while.

Perhaps in another ten years or so, we'll see more changes in conference affiliation. Perhaps it will happen even sooner. We kickoff the magazine with a few thoughts from Mark Schlabach on this subject in **Extra Points on page 12**.

But there will be much more to enjoy this season than what happens on the East Coast. Like the minor matter of selecting a national champion, maybe? Can we have a true champion in 2004? I hope so. I can't think of any more deserving teams than USC and LSU last season. But why couldn't they have played each other and settled the split decision on the field?

Do you have any ideas how the BCS can be improved? We'd like to hear them. **Drop us a line at [editor@athlonsports.com](mailto:editor@athlonsports.com).**

By the way, we posed the question of BCS championship game eligibility in our Coaches Forum. The answers to that question and others were varied as expected. Some will surprise you. Bob Stoops, Pete Carroll, Mark Richt, Joe Tiller, Larry Coker, Rich Rodriguez, Ron Zook and others weighed in **beginning on page 25**. And we didn't allow any coachspeak.

There are more legitimate national title contenders in 2004 than in most years. We know that USC, Oklahoma, Miami and the SEC champion — Georgia or LSU — will be in contention. But could this be the year that a team like West Virginia sneaks onto the field in Miami? Don't laugh; if the Big East is good enough not to kill its champ's strength of schedule and computer ranking, the undefeated Mountaineers would have a chance to squeeze in. Unlikely, but stranger things have happened on the college football field. **Our Top 25 is on page 34** for a quick reference.

Among the many new improvements in our magazines this year is more detailed recruiting information for each school. We hope you will learn more about your favorite school's incoming class. And as is our custom, we rank each conference along with all 117 Division I-A teams.

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*Charlie Miller*

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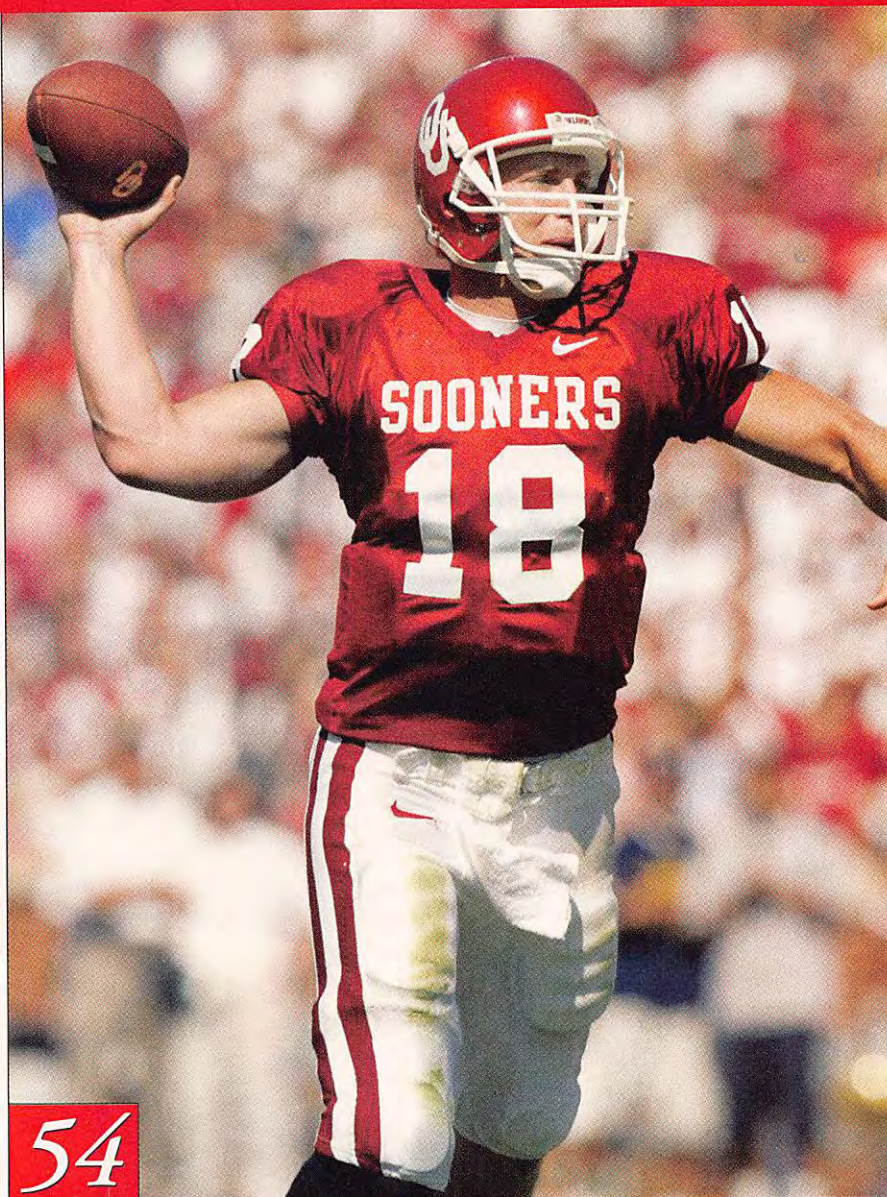
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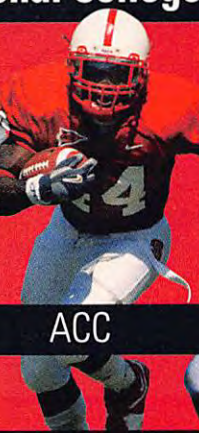
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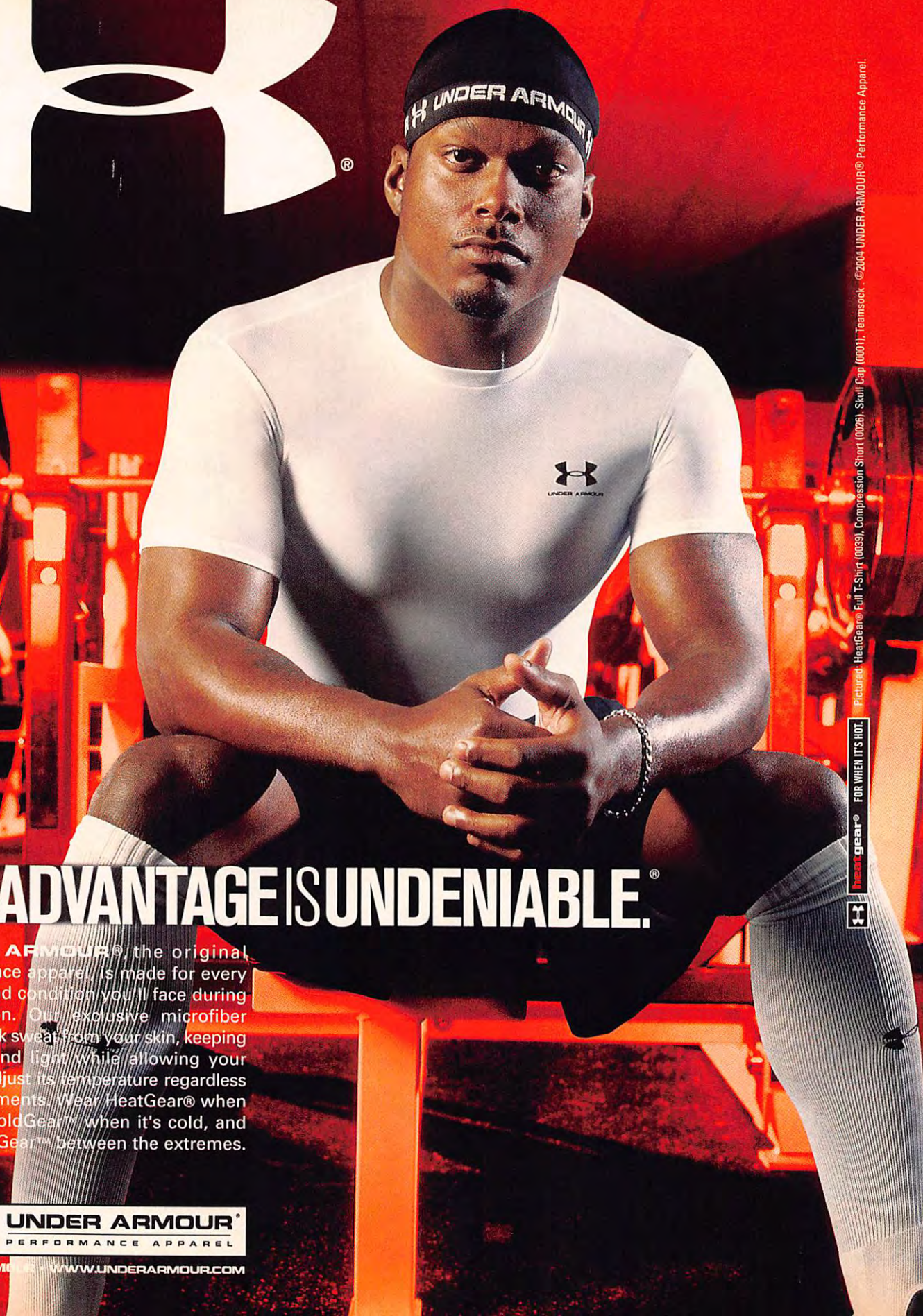


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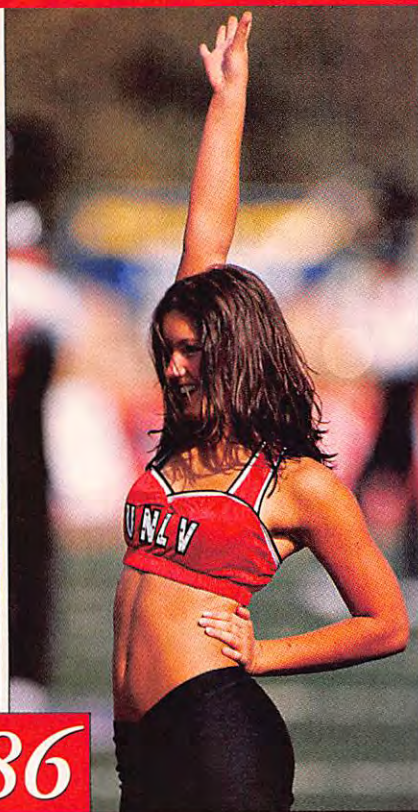
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# ExtraPoints

by Mark Schlachach

## The ACC is bigger and richer. Is it much better?

College football will never look the same. Miami and Virginia Tech are leaving the Big East for the ACC, and after Boston College follows the same exodus in 2005, the ACC will become the latest 12-team mega-conference, complete with a league championship game, \$40 million television contract and guaranteed spot among the sport's power brokers.

"Because of expansion, the conference may well be stronger than at any point in its history," ACC commissioner John Swofford says.

Never mind that college football never looked so bad along the way to ACC expansion. Before losing three schools to the ACC, Big East commissioner Mike Tranchese did more whining than Mike Krzyzewski. Virginia's governor, attorney general and U.S. Senator all strong-armed the ACC into taking the Hokies, so Swofford and his league left Syracuse at its door in a prom dress but with no date.

The immediate results of ACC expansion are three fractured conferences — the Big East, Conference USA and Western Athletic Conference. The Big East and Conference USA are so depleted that neither figures to be a factor in the Bowl Championship Series anytime soon, although the Big East will keep its automatic BCS spot through at least 2010. The future of football in Storrs, Conn., and New Brunswick, N.J., never seemed so bright.

The ACC's raid created a domino effect across the rest of college football. The Big East took five Conference USA schools, only three of which play football (and only one, Louisville, that plays very good football), and Conference USA in return added six schools from the MAC and WAC.

The Big Ten (or 11) likely won't stand pat, with Pittsburgh and Syracuse sitting out there for plucking. The Pac-10 already is talking expansion with Fresno State, San Diego State, Utah and possibly Brigham Young on its radar. And what about Notre Dame? The Big East seems like a logical destination, but with Boston College, Miami and Virginia Tech leaving, that is not the most desirable move for the Irish.

The latest college football upheaval leaves the sport with three super powers: the ACC, Big 12, and SEC. The ACC doesn't have the depth of the Big 12 or the rivalries and tradition of the SEC.

So even after all the haggling and arm-twist-

ing that came with expansion, the ACC is right where it was before all of this started — staring up at the Big 12 and SEC.

By adding Miami, the ACC has gone from a

title every season save one.

Miami will now challenge the Seminoles, but none of the other ACC schools are ready to do so on an annual basis. Virginia Tech hasn't been a national power since Michael Vick left, and Boston College was a middle-of-the-road team in a conference weaker than the ACC.

Duke, North Carolina and Wake Forest still view football as an expensive nuisance until basketball season arrives. The occasional individual successes of Clemson, Georgia Tech, Maryland and North Carolina State notwithstanding, Florida State and Miami are the only ACC teams that can be taken seriously as national title contenders.

So while the ACC now stretches from South Beach to New England, its power is still centered where it has always been — in the Sunshine State.



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one-horse to two-horse race. As much as Maryland, North Carolina State and Virginia have improved the last few seasons, they still have a long way to go to match the prolonged excellence attained by the Canes and Noles.

With Miami joining the fray, the ACC will change, but not as much as Swofford hopes. The ACC can't stage a championship game until Boston College joins the league in 2005 because NCAA rules require at least 12 teams for a conference to be split into two divisions.

Instead, the ACC champion will be crowned when the Seminoles and Hurricanes play in Miami in the Sept. 6 opener. At least Bobby Bowden's team will have the rest of the season to recover from another wide right.

In past seasons, eight ACC teams hoped and prayed for an anomaly — that the Seminoles wouldn't be very good. Now, the nine ACC teams north of Florida have to hope Florida State and Miami falter in the same season. Won't happen. You can get better odds in Las Vegas on Jim Harrick Jr. getting another coaching job.

What makes the Big 12 and SEC so special is their balance. Eight of the SEC's 12 teams have played in the SEC Championship game. Only Kentucky and Vanderbilt seem like they'll never get to Atlanta's Georgia Dome. As good as Oklahoma has been, six schools have won the past eight Big 12 championships. The ACC doesn't have any semblance of balance. Since Florida State joined the ACC in 1991, the Seminoles have won or shared the league

### Who, When & From Where

#### ACC

Miami	2004	Big East
Virginia Tech	2004	Big East
Boston College	2005	Big East

#### Big East

UConn	2004	Independent
Cincinnati	2005	C-USA
Louisville	2005	C-USA
South Florida	2005	C-USA

#### Conference USA

Marshall	2005	MAC
Rice	2005	WAC
SMU	2005	WAC
Tulsa	2005	WAC
UCF	2005	MAC
UTEP	2005	WAC

#### Mountain West

TCU	2005	C-USA
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#### Sun Belt

Troy State	2004	Independent
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#### WAC

New Mexico St.	2005	Sun Belt
Utah State	2005	Sun Belt

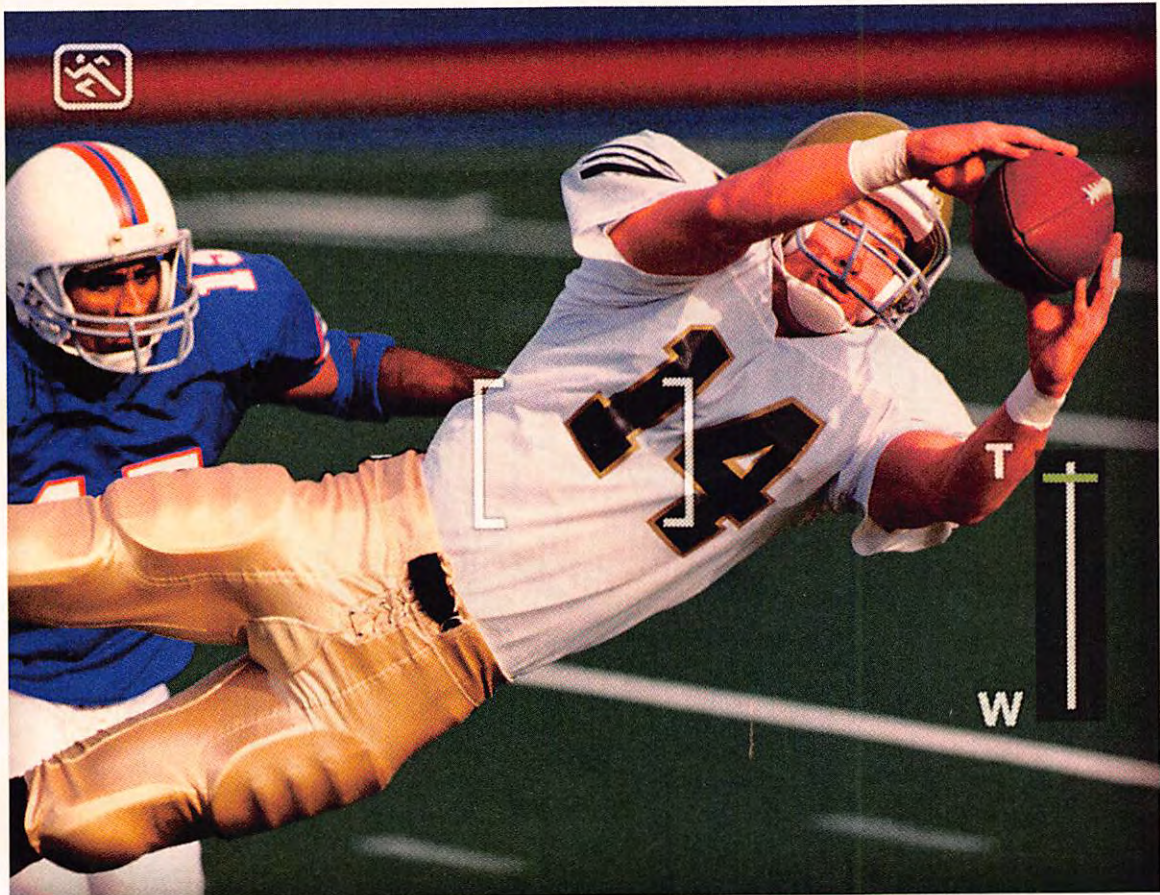
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Just two years ago, Holtz had taken the Gamecocks to unprecedented heights — consecutive winning seasons and back-to-back appearances in the Outback Bowl. But there hasn't been much to crow about in Columbia since then. South Carolina has suffered consecutive 5–7 seasons, and the lasting memory of 2003 was a 63–17 drubbing from rival Clemson, the worst loss in Williams-Brice Stadium history. Holtz fired five assistant coaches and relieved his son, Skip, of the play-calling duties.

### **John Bunting, North Carolina**

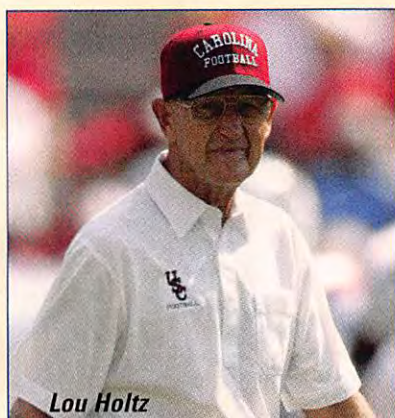
Basketball coach Roy Williams' arrival in Chapel Hill might have spelled doom for Bunting. Now that the Carolina brass has its basketball program back on track, the administration can turn its attention to the school's football problem. Bunting is a former Tar Heel player and is well-liked by players and alumni. But a 13–24 record in three seasons, including 7–17 in the ACC, doesn't cut it, even at a basketball school like North Carolina.

### **Mack Brown, Texas**

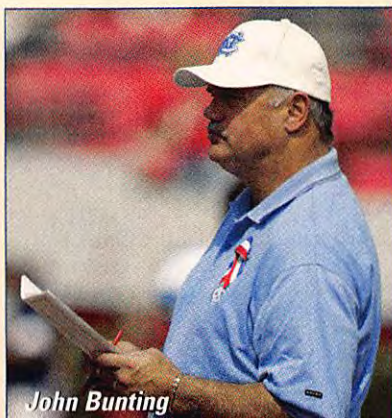
Texas fans are preparing for another Brown-out in Austin this season. The Longhorns are again ranked in the top 10 nationally in most preseason polls, and Brown signed yet another highly regarded recruiting class. But Texas fans expect to be let down once again. There is hope, however. If former Arizona coach Dick Tomey and Kansas City Chiefs defensive coordinator Greg Robinson can help Brown shore up his team's defense, the Longhorns could contend with Oklahoma and possibly end the title drought.

### **Ron Turner, Illinois**

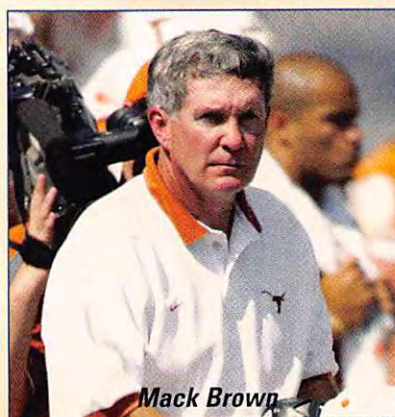
In 2001, Turner led the Illini to the school's first outright Big Ten championship since 1983. But Illinois has gone 6–18 the past two seasons, including a woeful 1–11 record in 2003. Turner fired his defensive coordinator, Mike Cassity, after the Illini allowed a school-record 398 points last season. If the defense doesn't improve, Turner will be looking for new a job, too.



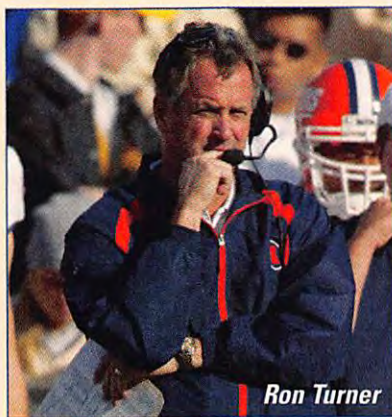
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Ron Turner

## **Welcome Back**

*These rising seniors passed up possible million-dollar paychecks to return to school for one more season:*

### **David Pollack, Georgia**

The two-time All-America defensive end flirted with the NFL Draft longer than most underclassmen but decided to return to school and anchor what should be one of the nation's stingiest defenses.

### **Cedric Benson, Texas**

Benson is the only player in the nation who has rushed for 1,000 yards in each of the past three seasons. He has tremendous vision and balance and has improved as a receiver and pass blocker.

### **Corey Webster, LSU**

The key ingredients to a top-rated defense are dominating defensive linemen and lock-down cornerbacks. The Tigers lost All-SEC defensive tackle Chad Lavalais and defensive end Marquise Hill, but it would have been more difficult to replace Webster, who is physical, fast and has great instincts.

### **Antrel Rolle, Miami**

Rolle almost became the fourth Miami underclassman to enter the NFL Draft. Barring an injury this season, he should help the Hurricanes extend their streak of first-round picks to 11 consecutive years.

## **Hello Again**

*College football hasn't heard from these coaches in a while, but they'll be back on the sideline this season:*

### **Bobby Ross, Army**

Ross was always considered a demanding coach and disciplinarian, and he'll need to be a drill sergeant to turn around Army, which has won just five games over the past four seasons. Ross, 67, hasn't worked since resigning as coach of the Detroit Lions in 2000 and hasn't coached a college team since leaving Georgia Tech in 1991.

### **George O'Leary, UCF**

When O'Leary was forced to resign as Notre Dame's coach two years ago for lying on his résumé, many assumed his coaching career was over. But those close to O'Leary predicted he'd land on his feet, and here he is trying to turn around the Golden Knights. UCF finished 3–9 last season, its worst finish since 1984.

### **Bill Callahan, Nebraska**

Callahan thought Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis was tough to please. Just wait until Callahan tries to install the West Coast offense in grounded Nebraska, where the Cornhuskers have never had a 300-yard passer in a game. Davis fired Callahan only a year after he led the Raiders to the Super Bowl. Nebraska is even more demanding. The Cornhuskers dumped Frank Solich — despite his more-than-respectable 9–3 record in 2003.

### **Galen Hall, Penn State**

Some Florida fans can't even remember that Hall was the Gators' football coach before Steve Spurrier arrived in 1990. All Penn State fans know about their new offensive coordinator is that he played quarterback for the Nittany Lions more than 40 years ago. The last 15 years have been a whirlwind for Hall, who coached in NFL Europe, the Arena League and the XFL.



## Rating the Conferences

**SEC**

### 1. SEC

Florida and Tennessee have slipped some, LSU and Georgia are national championship contenders. And watch out for Auburn.

### 2. Big 12

Two top 10 teams — Oklahoma and Texas — and two more are right behind — No. 11 Missouri and No. 12 Kansas State. Nebraska and Oklahoma State should be strong as well.

### 3. ACC

With Miami and Virginia Tech joining the league, the ACC isn't just the Seminole Invitational anymore. Clemson and Virginia are programs on the rise.

### 4. Big Ten

Ohio State and Michigan must replace a lot of talent, but they're still head and shoulders above the rest of the conference. Iowa and Minnesota are darkhorses.

### 5. Pac-10

USC will run through the league again, unless California finds magic in a bottle. And keep an eye on Oregon and Oregon State.

### 6. Conference USA

The title chase should be interesting this fall. Give TCU the edge over Memphis, Southern Miss and Louisville.

### 7. Big East

West Virginia and Boston College are the league's only Top 25-caliber teams.

### 8. Mountain West

Utah has everything in place to repeat as league champs, but watch out for San Diego State.

### 9. Mid-American

Two MAC teams finished in the top 25 and conference schools upset Alabama, Iowa State, Maryland, Pittsburgh and Purdue.

### 10. WAC

Boise State, Fresno State and Hawaii are solid programs, and Tulsa seemed like a program on the rise until it met Georgia Tech in the Humanitarian Bowl.

### 11. Sun Belt

North Texas was the only Sun Belt team to finish 2003 with a winning record.

## Programs on the Rise

### Memphis

Former Clemson coach Tommy West has done wonders on the banks of the Mississippi River, as the Tigers won nine games in 2003, including victories over Ole Miss and North Texas in the New Orleans Bowl. It was Memphis' first bowl appearance in 32 years. The Tigers have a high-powered offense behind quarterback Danny Wimprine and tailback DeAngelo Williams and an improving defense.

### Connecticut

The Huskies, who join the Big East this season, have already proven they can compete with the big boys. Connecticut has gone 15-9 in its two seasons in Division I-A and has won 13 of its last 16 games. Don't be surprised if the Huskies take a step back this fall, but this is a program with tremendous potential.

### Rutgers

Greg Schiano went from college football's penthouse to the outhouse when he resigned as defensive coordinator at Miami to become Rutgers' head coach following the 2000 season. But the Scarlet Knights have made steady progress in Schiano's three seasons, improving from 1-11 in 2002 to 5-7 last season, the fourth-best turnaround in the nation.

### California

Under coach Jeff Tedford, the Bears have posted back-to-back winning seasons for the first time in 12 years. Cal finished 8-6 last season, upsetting USC in triple overtime and beating Virginia Tech 52-49 in the Insight Bowl. Quarterback Aaron Rodgers has flourished under Tedford, who also tutored NFL quarterbacks Trent Dilfer, Akili Smith and Joey Harrington when he was the offensive coordinator at Fresno State and Oregon.



Memphis

## Programs on the Decline

### Virginia Tech

The post-Michael Vick era at Virginia Tech has been anything but victorious. After consecutive 11-1 seasons in 1999 and 2000, the Hokies are 26-13 — including a very average 11-10 in Big East Play — in the three seasons since Vick left to become the No. 1 pick in the NFL Draft. Last season, the Hokies collapsed down the stretch, losing four of their last five games.

### Wisconsin

Everything isn't coming up roses in Madison these days. Since winning consecutive Rose Bowls after the 1998 and '99 seasons, the Badgers are a mediocre 29-23 over the past four seasons. Wisconsin lost five of its final six games in 2003 to end the year with a disappointing 7-6 record.

### Tennessee

It is hard to say any program that won 37 games the past four years is declining, but there is little question the Vols have slipped. Since losing to LSU in the 2001 SEC Championship Game, a loss that cost the Volunteers a spot in the Rose Bowl and a chance to win the national title, they have lost eight games. Tennessee doesn't have a proven successor to quarterback Casey Clausen, and the offense has struggled mightily under embattled offensive coordinator Randy Sanders.

### Notre Dame

The Fighting Irish haven't had much luck since they started the 2002 season 8-0 under new coach Tyrone Willingham. Notre Dame has a 7-10 mark over its last 17 games, including two embarrassing losses last season — 38-0 at Michigan and 37-0 against Florida State in South Bend. Willingham was criticized by many after a late-season 57-7 thrashing of Stanford in which the Irish were accused of running up the score.



Wisconsin

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## Under the radar: Some of the nation's top players who have yet to be noticed

### Craig Bragg, UCLA

It's pretty tough to fly under the radar in Hollywood, but Bragg has very quietly been one of the game's top receivers over the past few seasons. He caught 73 passes for 1,065 yards and five touchdowns in 2003, becoming the first Bruin to catch 50 or more passes in two different seasons.

### Kirk Morrison, San Diego State

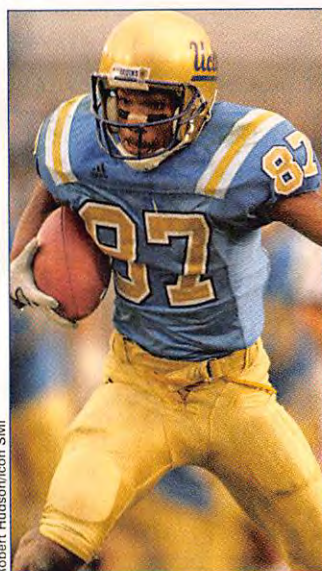
Morrison, a senior linebacker, is the best player on one of the nation's most underrated defenses. He had 115 tackles and 3.5 sacks last season for the Aztecs, who finished eighth in the nation in total defense and allowed just over 17 points per game. Morrison is a sure tackler, is more than adequate in pass coverage and hits like another middle linebacker who used to play in San Diego, Junior Seau.

### Jovan Haye, Vanderbilt

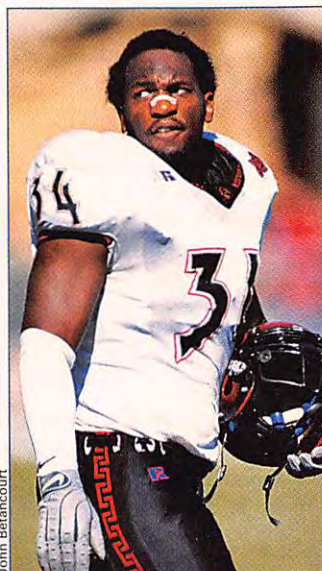
Even though Vanderbilt has seemingly taken out a mortgage on the SEC East cellar, the Commodores have produced a slew of NFL players, especially on defense. Haye, a junior end, could be the next pro from the Harvard of the South. He had 76 tackles and 8.5 sacks last season, and wreaked havoc in the Commodores' losses to Georgia and TCU.

### Jamaal Brimmer, UNLV

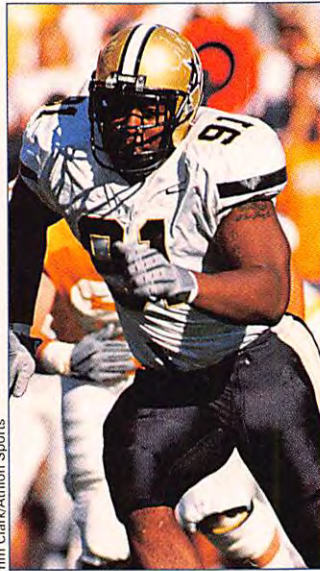
UNLV coach John Robinson has never been one to shower his players with praise, so he raised a few eyebrows when he compared Brimmer to NFL Hall of Famer Ronnie Lott, whom Robinson coached at Southern California. While it is certainly too early to punch Brimmer's ticket to Canton, he is one of the top safeties in college football. He's fast, physical and big and can take over a game from the secondary.



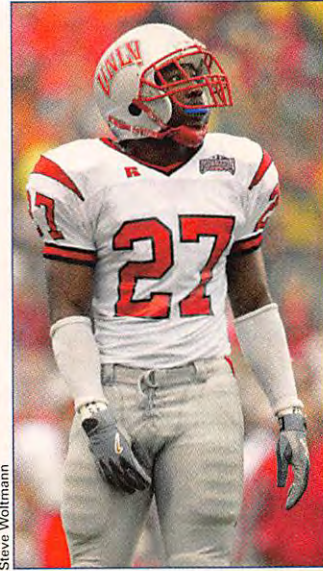
Craig Bragg



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## Stepping down: These players are moving down a level for more playing time

### Brandon Jacobs and Terry Jackson

Some Division I-A teams would be envious of I-AA power Southern Illinois' starting backfield. The Salukis picked up two marquee tailback transfers this spring, Jacobs from Auburn and Jackson from Minnesota. Jackson was one of the Big Ten Conference's top runners two years ago, gaining 1,317 yards as a freshman in 2002 with the Gophers. But he fell behind Marion Barber and Laurence Maroney last season and ran only 55 times before he was moved to wide receiver. Jacobs was Auburn's most imposing runner — 6'4" and 260 pounds — but he couldn't unseat Carnell "Cadillac" Williams or Ronnie Brown for the starting job. Auburn wanted to move Jacobs to linebacker or safety, but he chose to join the Salukis instead.

### Derek Farmer

Farmer was a potential star under former Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum, but he fell out of favor in Aggie Land when Dennis Franchione took over. He rushed for 1,582 yards and 11 touchdowns in three seasons with the Aggies, but last season he ran only 82 times, 90 fewer than in 2002. Farmer will have one season of eligibility at Stephen F. Austin.

### Dustin Long

Farmer wasn't the only disgruntled Aggie to leave College Station in the off-season. Long passed for over 2,500 yards in 2002 but was beaten out by Reggie McNeal last season. He transferred to Sam Houston State, where he'll compete with Oklahoma transfer Noah Allen for the Bearcats' starting job this season.

### Ingle Martin

Martin entered 2003 as Florida's starting quarterback but eventually gave way to true freshman Chris Leak. Martin transferred to Division I-AA power Furman after the season and went through spring practice with the Paladins. He is expected to be Furman's starting quarterback this fall.

### Fabian Walker

Rather than spend the final season of his career backing up Chris Rix, former Florida State Seminole Fabian Walker is taking his act to Division II Valdosta (Ga.) State. Walker made one career start in his FSU career — the 2003 Sugar Bowl loss to Georgia.



## What the ...?

There are garden-variety upsets, and then there are those scores that elicit a stunned double-take as they scroll past on the evening ticker. Here are our top 10 jaw-droppers (and not all of them were upsets) from last season:

### 1. Kansas St. 35, Oklahoma 7 — Dec. 6 at Kansas City, Mo.

The top-ranked Sooners were considered by many to be one of the premier college football teams of the past two decades, but Kansas State, a team with three regular-season losses, rolled to an easy 35-7 win to claim its first Big 12 championship. The Sooners entered the game averaging 48.3 points per game and had trailed for a total of 5:58 during the 2003 regular season.



Chris Covatta

### 2. UNLV 23, Wisconsin 5 — Sept. 13 at Wisconsin

Just one week after allowing 546 yards and 46 points in a loss at Kansas, UNLV limited the Wisconsin offense to just three points and 291 total yards in a stunning 23-5 win at Camp Randall Stadium. It was the Badgers' lowest output at home since a 3-3 tie with Illinois on the final weekend of the 1995 season.

### 3. Clemson 63, South Carolina 17 — Nov. 22 at S. Carolina

The surging Tigers capped off the regular season with their third straight win, a shockingly easy 46-point win over their hated rivals from South Carolina. "I am as embarrassed as I have ever been," USC head coach Lou Holtz said after the game. "This is the longest day I have ever been involved in. Our administration, alumni deserve more than this."

### 4. Washington State 55, Oregon 16 — Sept. 27 at Oregon

The Ducks were 4-0 and feeling pretty good about themselves after a 31-27 win over third-ranked Michigan landed them on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. But the Cougs, an unknown quantity in late September, dismantled the Ducks en route to the most lopsided Pac-10 road win in school history.

### 5. West Virginia 28, Virginia Tech 7 — Oct. 22 at WVU

West Virginia entered the game with a 2-4 record with wins over East Carolina and Rutgers, while Virginia Tech was ranked third in the nation with a 6-0 record and had not scored fewer than 35 points in any game. The Hokies were outgained 426-to-211 and failed to score an offensive touchdown in a game that wasn't as close as the final score indicated.

### 6. Georgia 16, UAB 13 — Oct. 25 at Georgia

The Blazers, without standout quarterback Darrell Hackney, limped into Sanford Stadium as a 30-point underdog to the fourth-ranked Bulldogs. But thanks to a stingy defense that limited Georgia to 337 total yards, UAB hung around to the final horn. A 31-yard Billy Bennett field goal early in the fourth quarter turned out to be the difference.

### 7. Ohio 28, UCF 0 — Oct. 11 at Ohio

Ohio struggled through a 2-10 regular season and allowed 26 points or more in every other Division I-A game, but the Bobcat defense pitched a shutout against UCF, a team picked by many — including Athlon — to win the MAC Eastern Division title.

### 8. Memphis 37, Louisville 7 — Nov. 15 at Louisville

The Cardinals were 7-2 overall, 4-0 at home and had not scored fewer than 21 points in any of their first nine games. But Memphis, on its way to the school's first bowl game since 1971, dominated Louisville, handing the Cards their most lopsided home defeat since a 68-34 loss to Kentucky in 1998.

### 9. UConn 51, Wake Forest 17 — Nov. 15 at Wake Forest

A UConn victory wasn't the big surprise here; the margin of victory, however, was shocking. Earlier in the season, Wake Forest claimed wins over Boston College, North Carolina State and Clemson, but the Demon Deacons were no match for the Huskies, who played the final seven games without star tailback Terry Cautley.

### 10. Clemson 39, Georgia Tech 3 — Sept. 20 at Ga. Tech

The Georgia Tech defense had allowed a total of 17 points the previous two weeks — three against Auburn and 14 against Florida State — but was torched at home by Clemson, a team that had been shutout in its only previous game against a BCS conference opponent.

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## Ranking the New Coaches in 2003

### 1. Steve Kragthorpe, Tulsa (8-5, 6-2 WAC)

Kragthorpe inherited a program that had lost 21 of its previous 22 games and had not enjoyed a winning season in over a decade. The rebuilding job became even more difficult after spring practice when Tyler Gooch, the incumbent at quarterback, left the team and transferred to Oklahoma to play baseball. With James Kilian, a junior who had one career touchdown pass, running Kragthorpe's wide-open attack, the Golden Hurricane rolled to a surprising 8-4 regular season and secured the school's first bowl invitation since 1991. Tulsa's postseason didn't go too well — a 52-10 loss to Georgia Tech in the Humanitarian Bowl — but Kragthorpe is to be commended for engineering college football's biggest turnaround in 2003.

### 2. Urban Meyer, Utah (10-2, 6-1 MWC)

Meyer turned Bowling Green into a MAC power in just two seasons and worked his magic in Salt Lake City last fall. He guided a Utah program that had stagnated under former coach Ron McBride to a 10-2 season and its first Mountain West Conference title. The Utes beat bitter rival BYU 3-0 in Provo, knocked off two Pac-10 teams that played in bowl games (Cal and Oregon) and ended the season with an impressive 17-0 win over Southern Miss in the Liberty Bowl.

### 3. John L. Smith, Michigan State (8-5, 5-3 Big Ten)

Smith added some much-needed stability to a program that had fallen on hard times. The Spartans' 4-8 record in 2002 — their worst since 1991 — included five losses by 21 points or more. But with Smith in charge (and a refocused Jeff Smoker back at quarterback), Michigan State emerged as one of the surprise teams in the first half of the 2003 season. The Spartans slid back to the Big Ten pack in the final month of the season and ended the year on a down note with a loss to Nebraska in the Alamo Bowl, but coaxing eight wins out of MSU was one of the best coaching jobs in the nation.

### 4. Bill Doba, Washington State (10-3, 6-2 Pac-10)

Washington State rewarded Doba for his service to the program (14 years as an assistant; nine as a defensive coordinator), and Doba rewarded the school by proving to be a quality head coach and the right man for the post-Mike Price era at Wazzu. The Cougars, who finished the season ranked No. 9 in the Associated Press poll, rebounded from a disappointing loss to rival Washington in the Apple Cup by beating a very talented Texas team in the Holiday Bowl.

### 5. Bobby Petrino, Louisville (9-4, 5-3 C-USA)

Petrino cemented his reputation as one of the finest offensive minds in college football. The Cardinals increased their offensive production from 333.4 yards per game (97th in the nation) in 2002 to 488.9 yards per game (fifth) last season despite the loss of starting quarterback Dave Ragone (the three-time Conference USA Offensive Player of the Year), their top rusher and their top receiver. Louisville's offense was aided by the return of four starters on the offensive line and the addition of Florida State transfer Eric Shelton, a former high school All-American, but Petrino deserves a tremendous amount of credit for keeping the Cards among the elite teams in Conference USA.

### 6. Gregg Brandon, Bowling Green (11-3, 7-1 MAC)

Brandon, the Falcons' offensive coordinator under Urban Meyer, was promoted to head coach when his boss moved on to Utah. The Bowling Green offense didn't miss a beat. With the dynamic Josh Harris leading the way, BGSU increased its offensive production by almost 50 yards per game. Those extra yards, however, didn't translate into more points; due to one of the nation's worst turnover ratios, the Falcons' scoring dropped from 40.8 points in 2002 to 33.6 in '03. Still, Brandon & Co. won 11 games, including two victories over Big Ten foes — at Purdue in early September and against Northwestern in the Motor City Bowl.

### 7. Art Briles, Houston (7-6, 4-4 C-USA)

Briles was hired away from Texas Tech to add some excitement to Cougar football — and that is exactly what he did. Briles turned his offense over to true freshman quarterback Kevin Kolb, who guided Houston to a 7-5 regular season and the school's first bowl invitation since 1996. The Cougars, picked to finish 10th in the league by C-USA media, increased their scoring from 26.7 points per game in 2002 to 34.5 last fall. And the improvements — both in the offense and in the win column — didn't go unnoticed; the Cougars' attendance increased by almost 6,000 fans per game in the first year of the Briles era.

### 8. Joe Glenn, Wyoming (4-8, 2-5 MWC)

Glenn won twice as many Mountain West Conference games (two) in his first season as previous coach Vic Koenning won in three years in Cheyenne. The Cowboys played well at home (3-3, two losses by nine points or less) and knocked off the league's two most visible programs — Colorado State and BYU. Wyoming enjoyed five consecutive winning seasons prior to Koenning's arrival in 2000, and Glenn should have the Cowboys back to their winning ways in the very near future.



Larry Smith

**Kragthorpe's troops celebrated like no recent Tulsa Golden Hurricane team has.**



Scott Boehm

**Petrino rebuilt a depleted offense, and Marcus Jones (above) anchored the defense at Louisville.**



## Ranking the New Coaches in 2003

### 9. Mike Riley, Oregon State (8-5, 4-4 Pac-10)

Times have changed in Corvallis, where an eight-win season is no longer cause for celebration. With 15 starters back, including All-America tailback Steven Jackson, the Beavers were expected to compete for the Pac-10 regular season title in Riley's return to Oregon State. And despite leading the league in total offense and total defense, OSU finished in a fifth-place tie at 4-4 with Washington and UCLA. The Beavers did close the season with a dominating win over New Mexico in the Las Vegas Bowl, but Oregon State should have been a better team in 2003.

### 10. Karl Dorrell, UCLA (6-7, 4-4 Pac-10)

Dorrell inherited a UCLA team with plenty of offensive talent, but the Bruins struggled to score points on their way to a disappointing 6-7 season. They ranked 110th in the nation in total offense and 100th in scoring offense and scored 14 points or fewer in six of their 13 games. The defense improved under Dorrell's watch, but not nearly enough to overcome the offensive woes. With cross-town rival USC dominating on the field (and on the recruiting trail), it could be difficult for Dorrell and his staff to bring UCLA back to national prominence.

### 11. Guy Morriss, Baylor (3-9, 1-7 Big 12)

Morriss accepted one of the biggest challenges in college football when he left Kentucky for Baylor. And the Bears still have a very, very long way to go. The last year of the Kevin Steele era and the first year of the Morriss era looked very similar. The records, both overall and Big 12, were the same, and the team statistics were equally scary both seasons. Two years ago, Baylor lost eight games to major conference opponents by an average of 40.5 points per game; last year, the number dropped to 36.3 points. Better — but still inexcusable.

### 12. Mike Shula, Alabama (4-9, 2-6 SEC)

True, Shula took over a very difficult situation, but Alabama did win 10 games in Dennis Franchione's final season and returned seven starters on defense, three starters on the offensive line and an all-conference-caliber tailback in Shaud Williams. The Tide played well against Oklahoma (a 20-13 loss in Tuscaloosa) but then lost at home to Northern Illinois two weeks later and never recovered.

### 13. Brady Hoke, Ball State (4-8, 3-5 MAC)

The first year of the Hoke era produced two fewer wins than the 2002 season, but the Cardinals' schedule was more taxing in '03. Ball State faced Missouri, Pittsburgh and Boston College out of conference, and Miami (Ohio) replaced Buffalo on its league slate. The Cards' defense made modest gains (405.3 yards allowed in 2002; 387.1 in '03), but not as much as they had hoped with seven seniors playing significant roles.

### 14. Charlie Weatherbie, UL Monroe (1-11, 1-5 Sun Belt)

The Indians were expected to be one of the worst Division I-A programs in the nation, and they didn't disappoint. Weatherbie, the former coach at Utah State and Navy, didn't take over until after spring practice, and despite the presence of 17 returning starters, UL-Monroe struggled mightily. The Indians went 0-2 against I-AA competition and were outscored by an average score of 60.3-9.3 in their three games against major conference opponents.

### 15. Rich Brooks, Kentucky (4-8, 1-7 SEC)

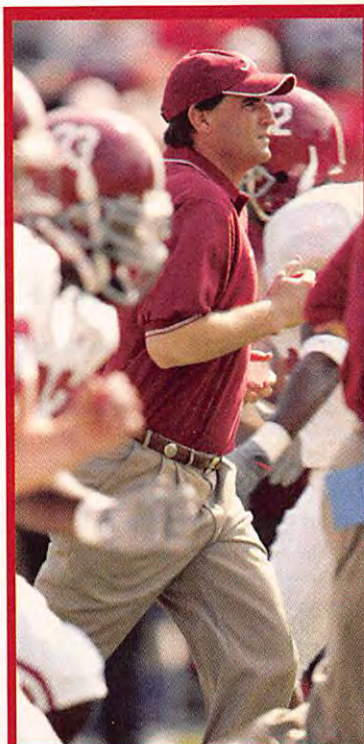
Brooks failed to maintain the momentum created by the Cats' 7-5 record in 2002, the final season of the Guy Morriss regime. Brooks did not have the services of Artose Pinner, the 2002 SEC Offensive Player of the Year, but the Cats did welcome back seven starters on offense, including four linemen and quarterback Jared Lorenzen. UK limped to the finish line with four straight losses, including a discouraging 28-17 defeat at Vanderbilt.

### 16. Dennis Franchione, Texas A&M (4-8, 2-6 Big 12)

Franchione's maiden voyage in College Station will be remembered for one game — Oklahoma 77, Texas A&M 0, a game in which the Aggies failed to cross their own 40-yard line. The Wrecking Crew defense completely fell apart — A&M allowed 35 points or more eight times — as the Aggies struggled through their worst season since 1972.

### 17. John Thompson, East Carolina (1-11, 1-7 C-USA)

The once-proud East Carolina program hit rock bottom in 2003. The Pirates, who averaged 6.8 wins in the previous nine seasons, won just one game in 2003 — a 38-32 victory over an Army team that failed to win a game. They lost their 11 games by an average of 19.7 points and fielded one of the worst offenses (104th in the nation) and defenses (84th) in the country.



John Grieshop

**After inheriting a difficult situation at Alabama, Shula was forced to hit the ground running.**



Ric Fogel

**Thompson's offense at East Carolina was smothered all season.**





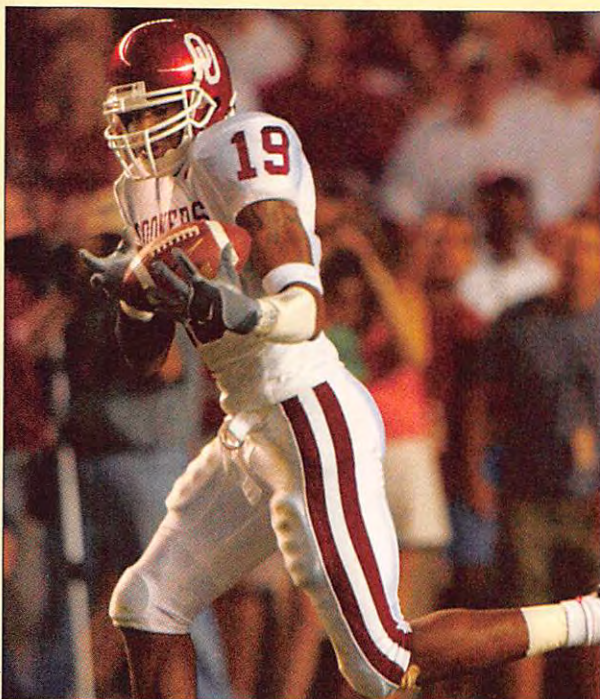
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# 2003 GOOD DECISIONS

Florida coach Ron Zook has been under pressure since he arrived in Gainesville replacing the legendary Steve Spurrier. Finding a quarterback seemed paramount since sterling play at the position was never a problem under Zook's predecessor. Ingle Martin had some experience at the position, but had failed to impress the coaches or fans. Enter true freshman Chris Leak. After Leak made his share of freshman mistakes early, Zook made the good decision of sticking with him, which paid off as Leak led the Gators to five straight SEC wins beginning with a rousing upset at LSU, the Tigers' only loss of the season.



Allen Kae



Larry Smith

On a September night in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, the Oklahoma Sooners knew the time was right for an upset. Oklahoma was ranked No. 1 and believed they could win a national title. But with less than five minutes remaining in the third quarter and leading Alabama 13-10, the Sooners faced a 4th-and-10 on their own 31-yard line. Coach Bob Stoops made one of the best decisions of the season by calling a fake punt. Noting a weakness in Bama's punt coverage, co-defensive coordinator Mike Stoops said, "They had no prayer of stopping it if we got the look we wanted." He was right. The play was good for 22 yards. Shell-shocked, the Crimson Tide allowed a 47-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Jones on the next play, which secured the 20-13 victory for the Sooners, avoiding a costly upset.

In the fall of 2003 the USC Trojans were faced with the daunting task of replacing a Heisman Trophy winner at quarterback. Coach Pete Carroll had plenty of choices, and with the talent surrounding the quarterback, it seemed all he needed was an experienced signal-caller who wouldn't make mistakes. His options were plenty. Matt Cassel had served as Carson Palmer's backup the previous two seasons. Brandon Hance was a mature transfer from Purdue. And incoming freshman John David Booty was considered one of the top signees in the country. But sophomore Matt Leinart earned the coach's trust, and what a good decision that turned out to be. Leinart led the Trojans to a share of the national championship, earning MVP honors in the Rose Bowl.



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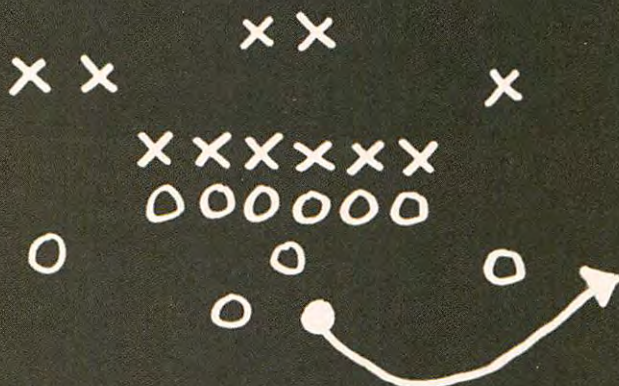
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# Coaches Forum

**Intense pressure, minimal job security, unrelenting scrutiny — what's not to love about being a head coach? Athlon caught up with 12 guys who actually enjoy life in the college football fishbowl, and we found them to be outspoken and passionate about the game, about their profession and about the kids they teach. We persuaded them to weigh in on topics as varied as fans on the field, Manning vs. Vick, DeBerry vs. Switzer, underclassmen leaving early, recruiting and Internet message boards.**

**If you could attend any college football game as a fan, what game would you most want to see?**

**Jeff Tedford:** I'd like to see Florida State and Miami. It seems like such a great rivalry and they play such close games every year. It's always a battle.

**Rich Rodriguez:** The Glenville State-Fairmont State game, an annual rivalry in the West Virginia conference. There's enthusiasm, there's tailgating and every fan who comes is rooting for one team or the other. There's no one without an opinion. People don't know what they're missing if they don't go to their local small college games.

**Paul Johnson:** I've already coached in the best game, Army-Navy, so I will go with Alabama-Auburn.

**Ron Zook:** Any rivalry game. You can't put into words the passion and energy that surround those games.

**Urban Meyer:** Ohio State vs. Michigan.

**Mark Mangino:** Army vs. Navy.

**Larry Coker:** Michigan and Ohio State.

**Mark Richt:** Florida State vs. Miami.

**Bob Stoops:** The Red River Rivalry — OU vs. Texas.

**Walt Tiller:** Montana State vs. Montana.

**Walt Harris:** Pacific and San Jose State. Pacific is my alma mater, which unfortunately doesn't play football anymore. So I'd like to see the Tigers be able to play San Jose State for the bell. That's what we played for, a bell!

**Should underclassmen be allowed to leave school early for the NFL?**

**Rodriguez:** Only if they've been out of high school and tried college for several years — the way the rule has been written up until now.

**Johnson:** If other sports do it, I think it should be the same.

**Meyer:** Not before their junior year.

**Tedford:** No, I like it the way it was. If someone is ready to play in the NFL, I think leaving after your junior year is fine.

**Richt:** I believe players having to be out of high school at least three years before they can enter the NFL Draft is a very good thing. Both for the players and for college football, and probably for the NFL, too. I hope that will continue somehow.

**Coker:** I am from the old school and I am going to say no. I like to see players stay in school long enough to receive their college degrees.

**Carroll:** It's a big jump into the NFL, not only football-wise, but all the other stuff. Underclassmen can handle the football side of it, the physical side. It's the other stuff that's hard. Juniors generally can deal with it. But for someone younger than that, it takes a special guy.

**Mangino:** If they are ready to play in the NFL, yes.

**Tiller:** Yes, after three years.

**Any specific rule changes by the NCAA, on the field or off, that you would like to see?**

**Harris:** The only on-the-field rule that I would like to see changed is being able to declare a tackle an eligible receiver by reporting like they do in the NFL. It's very difficult to find tight end-type bodies. It is hard recruiting those guys and a lot of schools don't have them.

**Tiller:** On the field, instant replay; off the field, restrict the number of summer camps a prospect can attend.

**Tedford:** I'd like to see a "contact" period allowed in spring recruiting. I think people "bump" throughout the country, so you might as well make it legal. It would take all the sneaking out of it.

**Stoops:** Eliminate all blocks to the back of legs by linemen and the 5-yard inadvertent face mask penalty.

**Who would you rather have, Peyton Manning or Michael Vick?**

**Harris:** I would love to try to coach Michael Vick. I would love the challenge as a coach to try and develop an unbelievable talent with his arm, speed and athletic ability. Peyton is a tremendous talent who is more in the traditional pocket passer mold. Michael has an incredible package of skills that is unsurpassed by maybe anyone who has played the game.

**Johnson:** Michael Vick.

**Coker:** I think I would have to take Michael Vick because of his mobility.

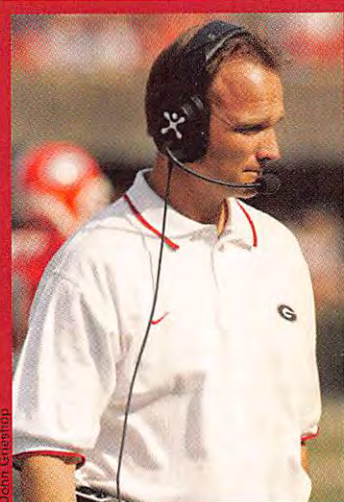
**Stoops:** Peyton Manning.

**Tiller:** Peyton Manning.

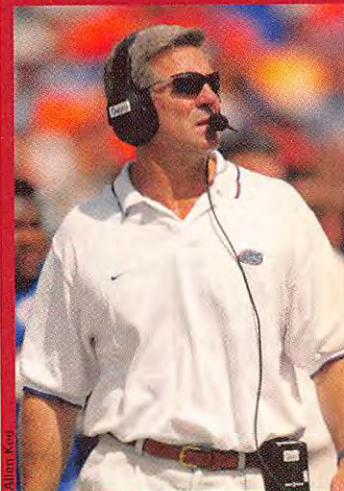
**If you could have the best player at any position, other than QB, which would you choose? Why?**

**Coker:** Running back, because you can get him the ball in so many different ways. A running back can contribute both with the run and by catching a pass.

**Mangino:** Defensive tackle. They are the hardest to find.



**Mark Richt, Georgia — With two SEC East titles in three seasons, Richt has the Bulldogs back among the nation's elite.**



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**Rodriguez:** Running back. He's a guy who can make a bad play look good.

**Johnson:** Center. I think football is like baseball. If you're good up the middle you have a chance to be good.

**Meyer:** Defensive end. They have the ability to change the game.

**Tedford:** Tailback or cornerback. Tailback because a very special tailback can make you look like a very good coach. He can make plays look pretty special even when they're not. Cornerback because you can put him on one side of the field and he can handle a wide receiver one-on-one. That leaves you all the flexibility to do other things on the other side of the field.

**Right:** Tailback. I have seen many times when offensive linemen have blocked beautifully for six yards and the back got six yards, and I've seen times when the line didn't block anybody and the back went 80 yards.

**Stoops:** Strong safety, because of all the versatility you have to move this guy around to blitz, cover, etc.

**Pete Carroll:** Tailback. Besides the quarterback, he touches the ball more than anyone and has a greater chance to make an impact.

**Tiller:** Middle linebacker, because that is the heart of your defense.

**Harris:** A tailback because I can guarantee I can get the ball in his hands. If I'm the best player on the field and I'm a tailback, I know my coach can get me the ball.

### What was your most painful moment last season?

**Stoops:** Losing the National Championship Game and the Big 12 Championship Game.

**Harris:** On our opening possession of the third quarter at West Virginia, we drove and had a second-and-goal at the three with the game tied at 24. We got a five-yard false-start penalty that pushed us back to the eight. Two plays later we threw an interception and came away with no points. Momentum really shifted after that and we lost.

**Rodriguez:** Losing in the last second at Miami.

**Johnson:** Losing to Delaware.

**Tedford:** There was the UCLA game (23-20 OT loss), when the ball hit the upright to end the game (Tyler Fredrickson's 50-yard field goal attempt). And the Oregon game, when we couldn't hang onto a 17-7 lead in the fourth quarter. What made those games painful was the fact that they proved to be the difference of whether we went to the Rose Bowl.

**Coker:** Our loss to Tennessee.

**Carroll:** Losing in three overtimes at California, our only loss.

**Tiller:** Losing in overtime at Ohio State. It was an unbelievable environment, and we thought we could pull it out.

### What was your best moment last season?

**Rodriguez:** Right after we beat Virginia Tech. That game was shocking to a lot of people, but not to us, and that was very satisfying.

**Johnson:** Beating Air Force.

**Meyer:** Triple overtime win at Air Force.

**Tedford:** Again, I think there were two. The bowl win over Virginia Tech and the overtime win over USC.

**Coker:** Our victory over Florida State in the Orange Bowl.

**Stoops:** Finishing the regular season undefeated (12-0).

**Carroll:** There were a lot of "best" moments. You can start with the shutout in the opener at Auburn, then there was the way we bounced back after the Cal loss by beating Arizona State on the road by 20 points despite being tied at the half. Also, beating our traditional rivals handily when we won at Notre Dame and defeated UCLA in a sold-out Coliseum, or the late-season wins over Washington State and Oregon State that put us in position to play for the national title. Then, of course, beating Michigan in the Rose Bowl. It was a picture-perfect day like you always imagine Pasadena to be on New Year's. The stadium was full of USC and Michigan colors. There was such an electricity in the air. Then, receiving that Rose Bowl trophy in the ceremony after the game, and then getting the national championship trophy in front of a big crowd on the steps of Heritage Hall.

**Tiller:** Winning on a last-second field goal at Wisconsin.

**O'Brien:** Our victory over Notre Dame last season.

**Harris:** Playing Virginia Tech at a sold-out Heinz Field in front of a national television audience. Our fullback Lousaka Polite, a Pittsburgh kid, got the ball on 3rd-and-goal at the two. We were down 28-24 with under a minute left and could have been facing a fourth and goal. Lousaka got hit two yards deep in the backfield by two players but still kept going and scored the winning touchdown. It was just a great, great scene.

### What's the greatest moment of your career to date?

**Johnson:** Winning the first I-AA National Championship at Georgia Southern.

**Meyer:** The team singing the fight song with the student body following the win over Cal.

**Coker:** It would have to be when I was named head coach at the University of Miami.

**Tedford:** Probably beating Washington up in Seattle (in 2002). Just seeing our kids run on the field, to see the joy in their faces. We hadn't beaten the Huskies in 26 years.

**Mangino:** Winning the national championship as an assistant at Oklahoma in 2000.

**Tiller:** Beating Indiana in 2000 to clinch Purdue's first trip to the Rose Bowl in 34 years. I will never forget the mass of humanity on the field after the game.

### When you look at box score, what are the first stats you check out?

**Carroll:** Points! And turnovers by both teams. Then I usually check out the yardage allowed by our defense. Maybe that's because I'm the defensive coordinator. And I look at our yardage and the third down conversions by both teams.

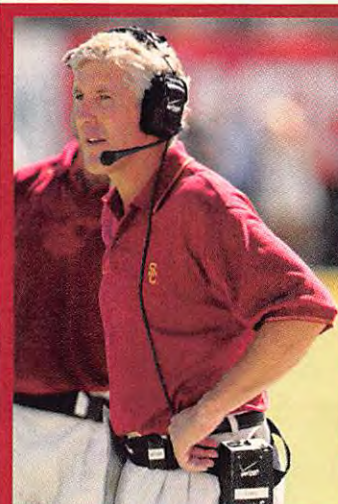
**Right:** When I look at the box score, I probably look at the total yards that a team either acquired or gave up.

**Tiller:** Turnovers.

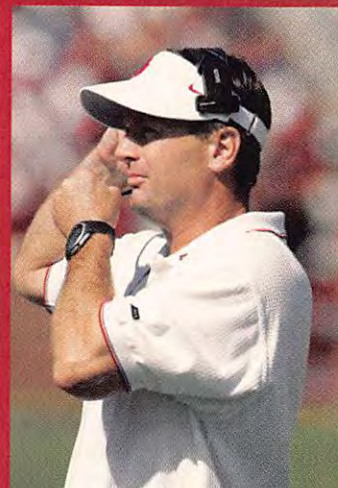
**Rodriguez:** Other than the score, the first downs.

**Johnson:** Rushing yards for and against.

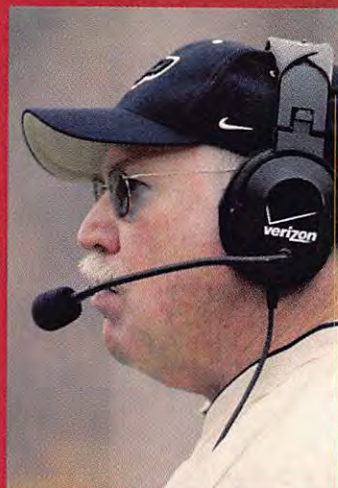
**Tedford:** The score is really the only stat that matters. But beyond that, I'd say it's third-down conversions.



**Pete Carroll, USC** — The former NFL head coach is building a dynasty in Southern California.

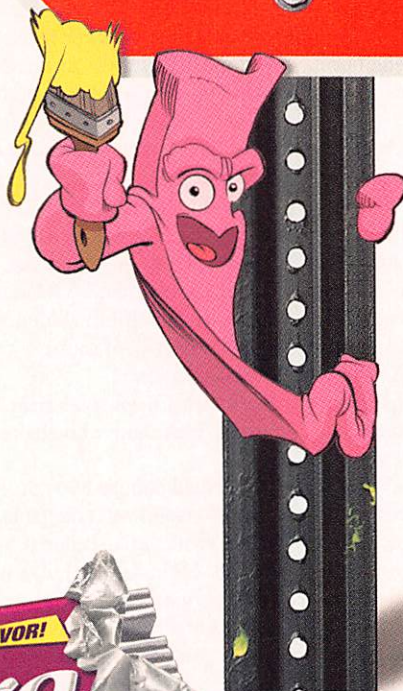


**Bob Stoops, Oklahoma** — Playing for national titles has become commonplace at OU.



**Joe Tiller, Purdue** — The Boilermakers have been to seven straight bowl games.

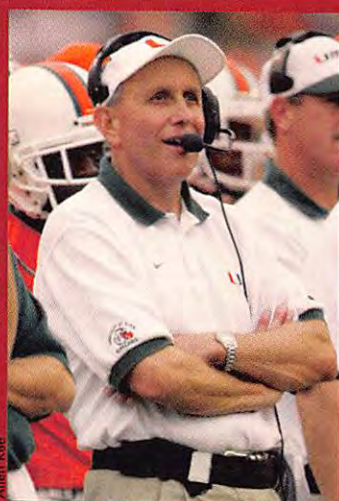




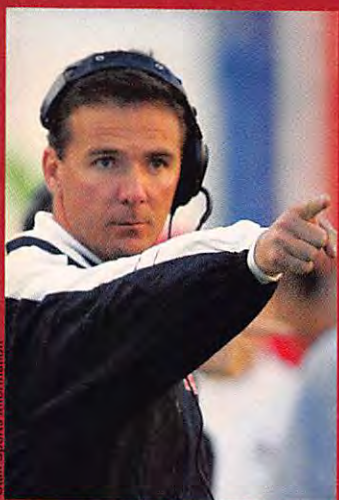
The gum that doesn't give up.



**Mangino:** Scoring distribution by quarter and third-down conversions.  
**O'Brien:** Rushing totals and third down conversions.  
**Meyer:** Yards rushing for each team.  
**Harris:** Turnovers. The single most important stat that separates wins from losses is turnover ratio.



**Larry Coker, Miami** — Coker has an astounding .920 winning percentage in three years as the Canes' head coach.



**Urban Meyer, Utah** — Meyer is already a legend in just two years in Salt Lake City.

**Do you like the overtime format even though it eliminates punting and kick returns from the game?**

**Zook:** I don't like it. I would rather see us go to the NFL format.

**Right:** I like overtime the way it is. The only thing I might do is move the ball back another 10 yards or so to get the thing started.

**Stoops:** No. Teams should have to earn their way into field goal position. It should start at the 40 yard line going in. Then, defense matters more.

**Carroll:** Yes. It's a fun format. It's much better than the NFL's format. I've experienced both and the college overtime is the way to go.

**Rodriguez:** Yes, I think it's great the way we have it now.

**Harris:** I love the overtime format, especially compared to pro football. It gets down and dirty right off the bat. It's nothing but pressure.

**Would you advise a young person to get into coaching?**

**Coker:** Yes I would. Sometimes it is a tough way to earn a living but it is very rewarding and challenging. It's great.

**Right:** I would advise a young person to get into coaching only if they had a tremendous passion for the game and for helping young men become better people. If they have those two things then it would probably be hard to keep them from coaching.

**Carroll:** Absolutely. It's a great profession. We're teachers. We get to interact with kids, help them, watch them grow, watch them succeed. I've been in love with coaching ever since I was a high school freshman and my coach, Bob Troppmann, let me work at his football camp. I'd recommend coaching to those who have a pas-

**Rodriguez:** If he has a great love for the game, yes, I would. Even if you love it, it can be a hard way to make a living, so you have to have that passion.  
**Johnson:** Yeah, if that's what they would like to do. You have to like your job. There's a lot of hours involved, but if you enjoy it, it's not like a job.  
**Tedford:** Yes I would, because it's very gratifying to have an impact on young people. I don't think there are many things more gratifying than to have young people work hard for a common goal, and then realizing that goal.

**Would you be in favor of allowing only conference champions to play for the national title?**

**Rodriguez:** Yes, I think I would be in favor of that.

**Johnson:** If there was a fair system where every conference had a championship game or didn't have a championship game. Right now it's unfair to those conferences that have a championship game. If everybody were equal that would be fair.

**Zook:** I have mixed feelings on that.

**Tedford:** No, because you don't play everybody in your conference, and there could be a scenario where one team doesn't play another team and through tiebreakers, you don't win the conference.

**Coker:** Yes, I think you should have to win your conference to play for the national title.

**Stoops:** Yes, but we must first all crown our champions the same way.

**Do coaches pay attention to fan message boards?**

**Rodriguez:** I don't. I hope not. Wow, the things you hear that get posted — it would drive you crazy to believe half of it.

**Tedford:** What are fan message boards?

**Coker:** Not very much.

**Right:** I think one of the worst things a coach can do is to pay attention to the fan message boards unless he has really thick skin.

**Stoops:** No!

**Carroll:** Not really. Although some of our office workers check them out from time to time. From them, I've heard about some interesting things that have been on those message boards.

**Harris:** No. First, we don't have enough time. Second, who is believable? Third, most people have no idea what this life is all about.

**What coach would you want your son to play for?**

**Rodriguez:** Me. Rhett's already committed to the Mountaineers. Truthfully, there are very few that I wouldn't be comfortable with as Rhett's coach. There are a whole lot of good coaches out there.

**Johnson:** If he's any good, me.

**Mangino:** Bob Stoops (Oklahoma).

**Coker:** Larry Kehres at Mount Union College.

**Stoops:** His dad, of course.

**Tiller:** Joe Paterno.

**Harris:** Pete Carroll. He's great, he's fun, he's smart, he's upbeat and effervescent. He's a guy who obviously knows how to coach.

**If you could choose two current head coaches to help you on offense and defense to win one game, who would they be?**

**Tiller:** Offense, Mike Bellotti (Oregon) and defense, Mike Stoops (Arizona).  
**O'Brien:** Nick Saban (LSU) on defense and Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech) on special teams.

**Harris:** On offense I'd like to have Jon Gruden (Tampa Bay Bucs). I think he is as good as there is in the game. On defense it would be Pete Carroll (USC), who is an outstanding defensive coach. Jon was my graduate assistant at Tennessee. I recruited Pete to the University of the Pacific and later coached with him with the New York Jets.

**Rodriguez:** Tommy Bowden (Clemson) on offense and Bob Stoops (Oklahoma) or Nick Saban on defense.

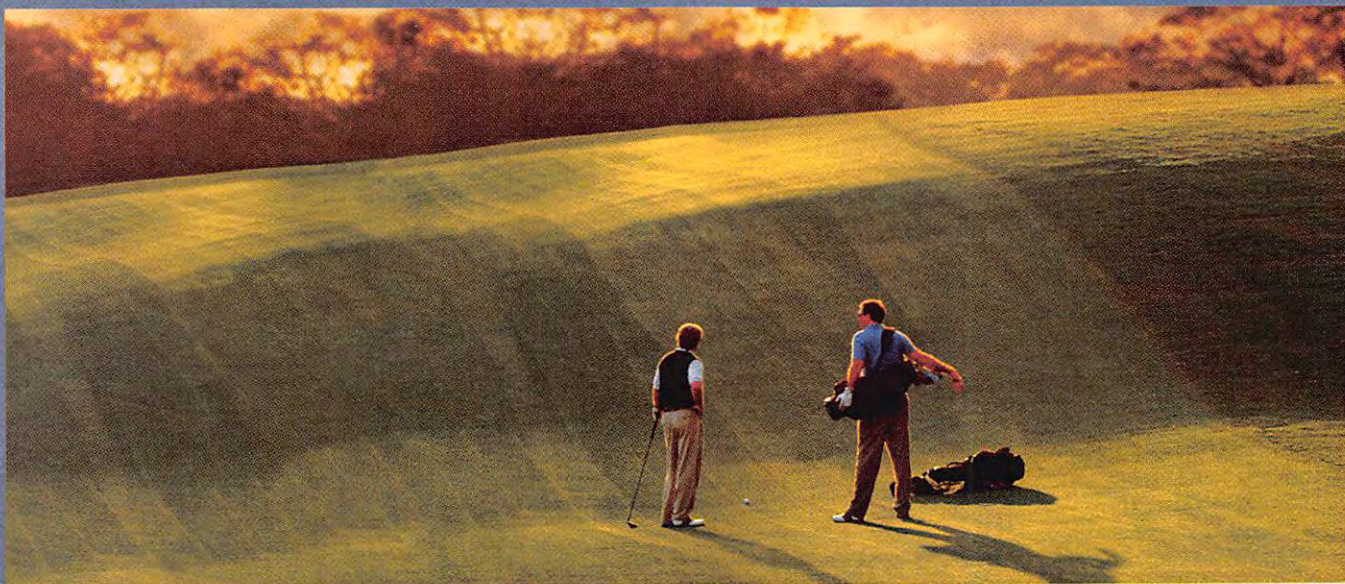
**Johnson:** On defense I would choose Nick Saban and Bob Stoops, and on offense I would choose Dan Hawkins (Boise State) and June Jones (Hawaii).

sion. Now, obviously, there are some high highs that come with coaching, as well as some low lows. And there are some long, long hours and many sacrifices personally. But the end result is something you can't get in any other job.

**Tiller:** Yes, we need good young people in the profession.

**Harris:** Yes. The reason I went into coaching was because I had a lot of good coaches in my life while I was growing up. There were three coaches who really impacted my life. They made me want to be more than I probably wanted to be had I not been under their influence. They inspired me to go further than I thought I could go.





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**Tedford:** Pete Carroll on defense. I think his players are very well-coached, and he uses multiple schemes and disguises that cause offenses a lot of problems. Mike Leach (Texas Tech) on offense. He puts a lot of pressure on the defense.

**Coker:** I would choose Pete Carroll on defense and Bill Snyder (Kansas State) on offense. Pete Carroll has an NFL background and does a great job with his defenses, and Bill Snyder just seems to have a way of moving the football and scoring points.

**Richt:** Ralph Friedgen (Maryland) on offense, Bob Stoops on defense. I have had to compete against each of them and they are two of the best. **Stoops:** Mike Stoops on defense and Mark Mangino (Kansas) on offense because they helped OU win a National Championship in 2000 — they've already done it.

### Do you enjoy recruiting?

**Carroll:** Recruiting might be the thing I enjoy most about college coaching. We get to compete head-to-head for the best players in the country.

**Tiller:** Yes, for the first three months of it, but not the last two weeks.

**Harris:** Yes. If you don't enjoy recruiting then don't be a college coach. I enjoy meeting young people. I enjoy getting to know them, their families, friends and coaches. I enjoy seeing where they are from, the environments they grow up in, and that helps me during their career at Pittsburgh.

**Rodriguez:** I do. I like dealing with the players, meeting their families and their coaches. I don't like dealing with all the rumors and the Internet.

**Tedford:** Yes, I really do. I enjoy interacting with the coaches and getting to know the young men and their parents. And I think the competitive part of recruiting is kind of fun. Recruiting is continual. You need to find something new to sell every day.

**Coker:** Yes I do. At Miami, we have a great product to sell.

**Stoops:** Yes.

### What are your biggest worries about recruiting?

**Meyer:** Honesty.

**Rodriguez:** There's too much hype given to 17- and 18-year-olds before they're ready to handle it.

**Mangino:** The amount of misinformation that is out there.

**Stoops:** People that don't understand the rules trying to help you recruit.

**Tiller:** The "have" schools coming in at the last moment on recruits who have been committed to you.

**O'Brien:** Negative recruiting.

**Harris:** Evaluation. Are we evaluating players and talent correctly? Do we really know who all the top players are and have a bead on them? Because we've had a player like Larry Fitzgerald, there may be some players out there who we have a chance with because Larry is their favorite player. Do we know about those types of opportunities? Are we taking advantage of them?

### Are recruiting rankings overblown?

**Johnson:** Yes.

**Tedford:** Yes. I think the kids that have the ability to go to combines seem to have a foot up on those who can't. We've got a kid we recruited this year who's one of the best at his position in the country, but he didn't get the exposure or publicity because he couldn't make the combines.

**Coker:** Yes. When I was at Oklahoma State and we signed Barry Sanders he wasn't a top guy coming out of high school. If you look at our 2002 national championship team, Bryant McKinnie, Clinton Portis and Ed Reed were all outstanding players, but they did not necessarily help our recruiting class rankings at the time they signed.

**Richt:** I think recruiting rankings are definitely overblown. I think it is exciting for fans to follow recruiting and to see where their teams get ranked, but it is so very difficult to tell how good a class is on the signing date.

**Harris:** Just check the list of this season's USA TODAY All-Americans four or five years from now. Compare it with the NFL Draft. There's your answer on how difficult it is to rank recruits and recruiting classes.

### What's the first thing you tell a recruit about your program?

**Tedford:** I tell him about the camaraderie and togetherness of our team, and that we're rated the No. 1 public university in the country.

**Mangino:** You have to go to class.

**Coker:** I tell them about Miami's academics and about the graduation rate of our football student-athletes. All 23 seniors on last year's team have either already graduated or are on schedule to do so by the end of the spring semester.

**Rodriguez:** Make your decision based upon where you'll be happy and where you can have success.

**Johnson:** The academics and the opportunities after graduation.

**Zook:** That (Gainesville) is a great place to live.

**Meyer:** We have one of the best combinations of academics and football in the country.

**Carroll:** One, we let recruits know that they can become part of the Trojan Family and all the networking that goes with that. That's a very special thing. And we let them know that our team is built on competition; if they love to compete, they'll find it at USC in everything we do in our program.

**Tiller:** That they will be treated fairly and honestly and that it is fun to play at Purdue.

**O'Brien:** That BC offers a combination of academic and athletic success.

**Harris:** We have a tremendous story to tell at the University of Pittsburgh regarding how much we've improved in the area of academics, winning, graduating our players and developing NFL-type football players. We also tell them Pittsburgh is a place where you can accomplish all your dreams, be it earning a great degree, winning the Heisman or going to the NFL.

### What is the toughest stadium to play in?

**Rodriguez:** Where's our first road game this year?

**Johnson:** Tiger Stadium (LSU).

**Meyer:** Neyland Stadium at Tennessee.

**Tedford:** Autzen Stadium in Oregon.

**Mangino:** Kyle Field at Texas A&M.

**Richt:** For me personally, it has been the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville. That is the toughest stadium.

**Carroll:** Kansas State was very difficult for us in 2002. And when I was in the NFL, Arrowhead Stadium was unbelievably tough.

**Tiller:** Camp Randall Stadium in Madison.

**O'Brien:** Virginia Tech.

**Harris:** I would say it is between Tennessee, Auburn or LSU. The noise and the mass amount of people in those stadiums are incredible.



**Tom O'Brien, Boston College** — The former Virginia assistant has 40 wins in six years with the Eagles.



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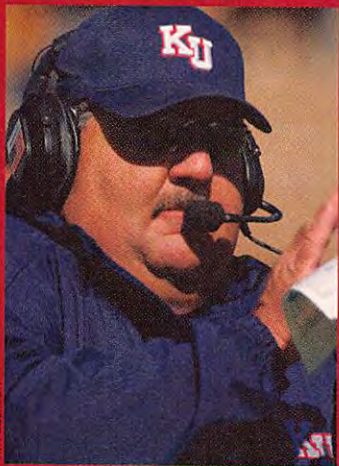


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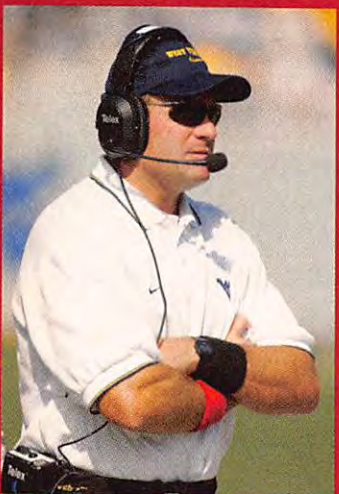




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2004 Big East title.

### Should fans be allowed to celebrate on the field?

**Meyer:** Great question. I think they should.

**Rodriguez:** Only in legal celebrations after the players have left the field.

**Tedford:** Yes. I think that's part of the college atmosphere, as long as it's safe.

**Richt:** I think it would be nice to let fans be allowed to celebrate on the field after the game, but I believe it is just too dangerous and the fans, for their safety and the safety of the players, officials and everyone, need to stay in the stands.

**Stoops:** Yes, but please do it respectfully. And be careful with the goal posts — they are dangerous.

**Harris:** No. Not because they don't deserve the opportunity to enjoy a great win. It's because it's too dangerous. Look what happened at Miami of Ohio. What about the losing team and the losing coaches?

### Is it possible to win consistently anywhere in the country?

**Coker:** I think so. With our being limited to offering 85 total scholarships, the talent pool is spread around.

**Rodriguez:** You can build a winner anywhere, but there are a lot of places that it would be extremely difficult to win a national championship.

**Tedford:** I think it's possible to win anywhere.

**Richt:** After seeing what Coach (Bill) Snyder has done at Kansas State, I think it is possible to win anywhere.

**Stoops:** Yes, I believe you can win consistently anywhere, but sure, it is more difficult in some places.

**Tiller:** There are some programs that never will be consistent winners.

**O'Brien:** No. Some schools will always lose.

**Harris:** Some just won't be annually competitive. Why? Legacy, tradition, institutional support, lack of facilities, lack of a recruiting base. Too much competition in a close geographic area can be a handicap.

**Meyer:** There are some that will always struggle.

### Can someone who has never played the game be a good coach?

**Rodriguez:** Sure, if they've really learned the game and their coaching from a master coach, and if they've learned to try and understand things from a player's standpoint.

**Coker:** I think it would be difficult.

**Richt:** I think it would be tough for someone who has never played the game to be a good coach, but by no means is it impossible. I think if someone is motivated enough to learn the game without playing it and is a good teacher and motivator, he or she has a chance.

**Carroll:** Sure, why not. It all depends on the coaching background he is exposed to throughout his career.

### Whose résumé would you rather have: Barry Switzer's (great record, national championships, surrounded by controversy) or Fisher DeBerry's (solid, clean program, but not as successful)?

**Johnson:** Neither.

**Stoops:** Barry Switzer. Nothing against Coach DeBerry because I admire him in many ways, but I have always been a Barry Switzer fan and still am. You don't win that much for that long without being a great coach and doing things right.

**Tedford:** Fisher DeBerry. I think it's important to do things the right way.

**Coker:** Joe Paterno. He has a great win-loss record, has won championships and runs a clean, solid program.

**Tiller:** Fisher DeBerry's.

### When you take a chance on a recruit — either for academic reasons or other — how disappointing is it when it doesn't work out?

**Tedford:** Yes, it is somewhat disappointing. But you knew you were taking a risk when you did it. However, when it doesn't work out, you are more cautious the next time.

**Mangino:** It's always disappointing when a player fails, but you must keep trying.

**Coker:** It's very disappointing, and I think it always makes you more thorough when you make the decision the next time.

**Rodriguez:** The disappointment comes because a young man's future could be going by the wayside. Football may be the one avenue he has to improve his life, and it's sad if he can't make that work for him. It's easy to recruit those kids who have a lot going for them, but I still want to try and help the young man who's got challenges. Once in a while, you can turn their life in a whole different direction. Isn't that what it's all about?

### What's the No. 1 problem facing the college game?

**Zook:** The Internet.

**Rodriguez:** There are a certain number of people believing that it's going to be easy for them to succeed, and they don't understand that they need to develop discipline, structure to do it. They've been catered to and given an easy way out from the time they were identified as a talented athlete, and they have no inner skills to draw upon when things get difficult.

**Tedford:** Players who may come out early, because now, if they hit a snag academically, they have other options. Consequently, they're apt not to follow through with their education when things get tough.

**Coker:** Early entry into the NFL.

**Stoops:** Agents. Many do not have the young man's best interest at heart.

**Tiller:** Micromanagement by special interest groups. Knee-jerk reactions to isolated events.

### Where should we rank your team in our magazine?

**Rodriguez:** As a program on the rise

**Johnson:** No clue.

**Meyer:** 15th.

**Tedford:** I'll leave that up to the experts.

**Mangino:** 40th.

**Coker:** Somewhere in the top 10.

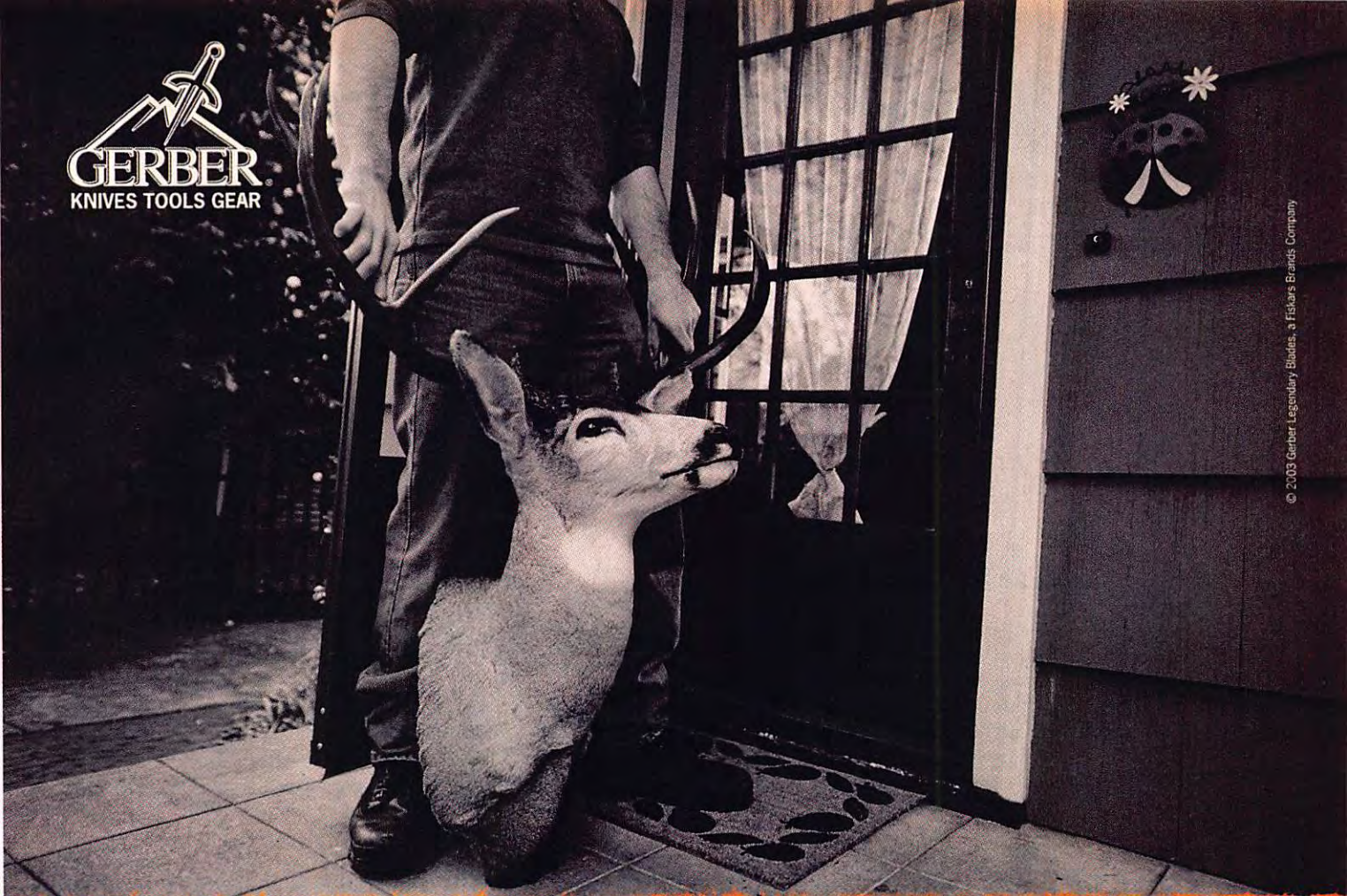
**Carroll:** Preseason rankings don't mean a whole lot for coaches and players. That's something for fans. We really care only about the final rankings. But because we finished No. 1 last year and have a lot of those players back, it won't be surprising if we enter this season highly ranked.

**Tiller:** It's a bit too early to tell, but somewhere around 25th.

**O'Brien:** Middle of the pack.

**Stoops:** Wherever you want because come September, we are going to be fighting to be No. 1.





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## 1 USC Trojans

2003 results: 12-1 (7-1 Pac-10)

Returning starters: 4 offense, 6 defense, both kickers

**H**ow strong is the program Pete Carroll has built at USC? The American Football Coaches Association instructs its members to vote the winner of the BCS title game No. 1 in their final poll, and last year that was LSU. Yet three of them voted for USC anyway. The Men of Troy, needless to say, were the overwhelming choice of the AP.

Star performers such as Mike Williams, Keary Colbert and Kenechi Udeze have departed. But then again, last year Pete Carroll and staff had to replace the twin tailback terror of Sultan McCullough and Justin Fargas, two-time All-America safety Troy Polamalu and Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer, and their club only got better.

Having never thrown a pass in a college game before, Matt Leinart posted a third-place finish nationally in pass efficiency, tops among this season's returnees. Backup QB John David Booty holds the distinction of being the only player ever to see major college football action before his high school class graduated.

A pair of 2002 high school phenoms — Steve Smith and Whitney Lewis — got their feet wet as true freshman wideouts last fall, and 6'4", 215-pound Fred Davis, a 2003 high school All-American and early enrollee who went through spring practice with the team, completes a promising three-man rotation. Also at Leinart's disposal is the tailback triumvirate of junior Hershel Dennis and sophomores LenDale White and Reggie Bush. Dennis was the season-long starter and White was the team's leading rusher, but Bush is arguably the most dangerous weapon in the Trojans' arsenal. Bush turned his speed and dizzying moves into averages of 5.8 yards on 90 carries, 20.9 yards on 15 pass receptions and 27.3 yards on 18 kickoff returns. All as a true freshman.



There will be some new faces in the offensive line, but guard Fred Matua started eight '03 contests as a freshman, John Drake bounced between tackle and guard for seven starts, and Kyle Williams has the potential to step in at left tackle with little-to-no drop-off. Junior college All-American Taitusi Lutui will dig in at right tackle.

Seniors Shaun Cody and Mike Patterson would comprise the nation's best defensive tackle tandem — both are coming off first-team All-Pac-10 campaigns — except that Cody will slide over to end for 2004. He came to USC four years ago as the most highly regarded defensive end prospect in the nation before moving inside. Manuel Wright, who had worked his way into the tackle rotation by late last season as a true freshman, moves into the lineup for '04, allowing Cody to shift over.

Middle linebacker Lofa Tatupu led the Trojans in tackles last fall and intercepted four passes. Matt Grootegoed, a 2002 All-Pac-10 first-teamer, has reclaimed his strong-side linebacker job after finishing last season on the shelf with a sprained ankle. Dallas Sartz, who started the six games in Grootegoed's absence, is also back, and Florida import Keith Rivers was the nation's most eagerly sought-after linebacker in the 2004 recruiting wars.

The safety positions are in the proven hands of Jason Leach and Darnell Bing. Ronald Nunn, who returned an interception 57 yards for a touchdown at Washington, and sixth-year man Kevin Arbet get first crack at the corner assignments.

Tom Malone's 49.2-yard punting average would have led the nation last season had he been called on enough times to qualify.

An August trip to Landover, Md., for the BCA Classic against Virginia Tech and the Oct. 9 home date against California stand out from an otherwise non-threatening 2004 schedule.

**Working overtime** The last two losses the Trojans have suffered — to Washington State in 2002 and California in '03 — required four overtimes, three of them against Cal.

**Beating the best** SC has won its last five games against AP Top 7 teams.

**The big two-0** The Trojans have scored 20 or more points in each of their last 26 games, a school record.

**Not so close** All of SC's 12 wins last year were by two touchdowns or more.



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## 2 Oklahoma Sooners

**2003 results: 12-2 (8-0 Big 12)**
**Returning starters: 9 offense, 7 defense, both kickers**

**D**uring the 2003 regular season, before spraining his throwing hand in the Big 12 championship game, Heisman Trophy winner Jason White completed 65 percent of his passes for 3,446 yards and posted a 40-to-6 touchdown-to-interception margin. That's right, 40-to-6. A healthy White means Oklahoma rolls, and the sixth-year man from Tuttle watched spring practice from the sideline to preserve his well-being for 2004. Backup Paul Thompson should be ready in a pinch after throwing for a pair of TDs and running for three more last fall.

All-American Mark Clayton isn't the biggest or fastest receiver in the world, but he averaged 17.2 yards on 83 receptions last season, scoring 15 times. Kejuan Jones put the punch in the Sooners' running game last fall with 925 yards and 13 touchdowns, but returnee Donta Hickson, redshirt freshman Tashard Choice and prize recruit Adrian Peterson could crowd him out of some carries. Tackle Jammal Brown and center Vince Carter give an All-America look to a Sooner O-Line that returns en masse, two deep.

Third-team AP All-Americans Dan Cody and Dusty Dvoracek are two of three returning defensive line starters. Between Lynn McGruder and Lawrence Dampeer, Tommie Harris won't be missed at left tackle as much as one would expect. Linebacker Lance Mitchell, who led the Sooners with 124 tackles in 2002, is back after missing most of last season with a knee injury.

Strong safety Donte Nicholson, OU's top returning tackler; free safety Brodney Pool and his team-high seven interceptions; and cornerback Antonio Perkins all return to the secondary. Perkins ran back four punts for touchdowns last season, including an NCAA record three in one game, against UCLA.

Oklahoma hasn't lost to Texas yet in this century. The Longhorns get their next shot at the Sooners in Dallas this Oct. 9. In mid-November OU will host Nebraska.

**Half a hundred** Oklahoma scored more than 50 points on seven occasions last fall.

**Pinned down** In the Sooners' 77-0 win over Texas A&M last season, the Aggies never advanced the ball past their own 40-yard line.

**Iron man** Cornerback Derrick Strait started 53 games for Oklahoma, more than any other Sooner in history.

Layne Murdoch



## 3 Georgia Bulldogs

**2003 results: 11-3 (6-2 SEC)**
**Returning starters: 10 offense, 6 defense, punter**

**I**f there is one team capable of breaking into college football's ruling class this year, it's Georgia, with its All-American-studded defense and 10 returning starters on offense.

Quarterback David Greene enters 2004, his fourth year at the controls, with over 9,000 career passing yards and 52 touchdown tosses. And with D.J. Shockley back after missing the second half of last season with a knee injury, Greene probably has the league's best understudy. Senior wide receivers Fred Gibson and Reggie Brown rank ninth and 12th respectively on Georgia's career receptions chart with 203 combined catches.

Kregg Lumpkin showed flashes of brilliance in his 523-yard, six-touchdown freshman campaign and has moved ahead of returning starter Michael Cooper into the lineup. Lumpkin is UGA's next great back, and incoming freshman Thomas Brown could steal some carries as the season wears on. Last year's offensive line was manned entirely by freshmen and sophomores, two-deep. Those growing pains from 2003 will pay big dividends this year and next, with center Russ Tanner and tackle Max Jean-Gilles leading the charge.

Defensive end David Pollack, linebacker Odell Thurman and safety Thomas Davis are All-Americans. Pollack has a nasty habit of shutting down opponents' plays before they get started — he has notched 37 tackles for a loss and 21.5 sacks over the last two years. He also has four career interceptions and 16 pass breakups to his credit. Thurman registered 121 tackles last fall, 18.5 behind the line, and returned one of his two interceptions 99 yards for a touchdown against Auburn. Davis led the team in tackles last fall with 138.

The Bulldogs catch Tennessee at home on Oct. 9 and head to Jacksonville for the Florida game on Oct. 30. If all goes as expected, LSU will come up twice — during the regular season on Oct. 2 and in the SEC championship game on Dec. 4.

**Closing in** David Greene ranks second to former UGA quarterback Eric Zeier in almost all school career passing categories, and is within easy striking distance in all of them.

**Leading the league** During the Mark Richt era (since 2001), Georgia has the SEC's highest winning percentage at .800 (32-8).

**Twice is nice** Georgia has finished with two straight Top 10 national rankings for the first time since 1982-83.

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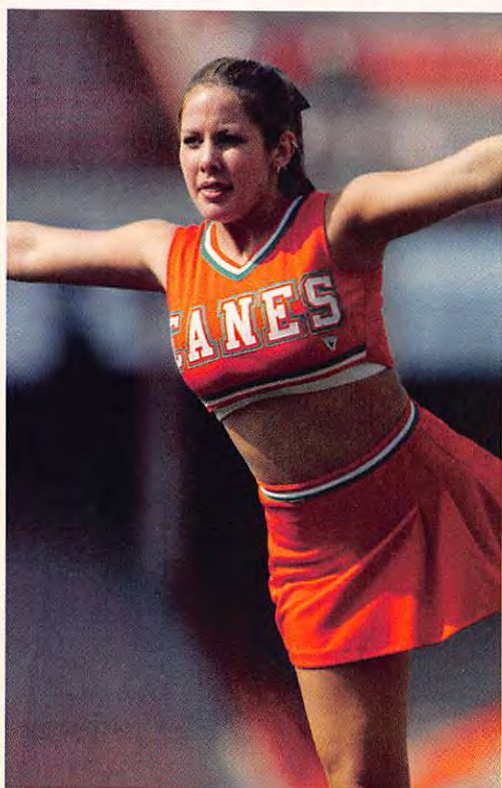
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# 4 Miami Hurricanes

**2003 results:** 11-2 (6-1 Big East)

**Returning starters:** 6 offense, 4 defense, both kickers


Brad Schloss

**N**ew conference, same result. The rest of the ACC should be looking up at Miami at the end of the season, just as the rest of the Big East had gotten used to over the years.

Brock Berlin stepped into Ken Dorsey's quarterback job last season with spotty results. He completed 60 percent of his passes for 2,419 yards, but his negative touchdown-to-interception ratio (12-to-17) won't cut it in Coral Gables. If Berlin doesn't perform up to Hurricane standards, highly regarded redshirt freshman Kyle Wright will be calling signals.

Leading rusher Jarrett Payton has departed and Frank Gore may or may not be full-speed in September — knee injuries have derailed his career — so sophomore Tyrone Moss will have to carry the bulk of the running load. He ran 107 times for 511 yards and five touchdowns last year as a freshman, and didn't fumble once.

Sophomore Ryan Moore has as much raw talent as any wideout in the game. He led the team in receiving yards last year as a freshman, and coach Larry Coker can choose from such proven gamebreakers as Roscoe Parrish and Devin Hester to position opposite Moore. Even with Kellen Winslow's departure, tight end is still a team strength with Kevin Everett starting and Notre Dame transfer Greg Olsen backing up. Eric Winston, the nation's best left tackle, leads two other returning starters in the O-Line.

The graduation of safety Sean Taylor is a blow, but when was the last time Miami was hurting for DBs? Antrel Rolle is one of the top two cornerbacks in the nation. Tackles Orien Harris and Santonio Thomas are 300-pounders plugging the middle up front, and new starting linebackers Tavares Gooden, Roger McIntosh and Leon Williams are fast and active.

The 2004 season will start with a bang when Florida State comes calling on Labor Day. Clemson and Virginia Tech are also home games and Maryland is conspicuously absent from the slate.

**Fond farewell** During its 13-year Big East membership, Miami posted a record of 72-11 (.867), best in the league, and won eight conference titles.

**Stifling** Miami's 2003 defense finished first nationally against the pass and second overall. **Been around** Miami is the only school to have appeared in all four BCS bowls.

# 5 West Virginia Mountaineers

**2003 results:** 8-5 (6-1 Big East)

**Returning starters:** 7 offense, 7 defense, placekicker


Brad Schloss

**R**asheed Marshall has been coach Rich Rodriguez's starting quarterback for the last two years and has compiled 3,672 passing yards and 1,179 rushing yards. He broke Michael Vick's Big East single-season quarterback rushing record two years ago, and last season he threw 15 touchdowns and ran for four more. Marshall can hurt opponents from inside or outside the pocket.

Senior Kay-Jay Harris becomes the new feature back with the graduation of all-conference tailback Quincy Wilson. In his first year out of junior college, Harris ran for 524 yards at 5.8 per carry. But Marshall's main weapon will be wide receiver Chris Henry, the 2003 Big East Rookie of the Year. Henry averaged a whopping 24.5 yards on 41 catches, 10 for touchdowns. Second-leading receiver Miquelle Henderson, a three-year starter, is still around to draw some of the attention away from Henry. The offensive line returns intact, led by senior guard Jeff Berk and bolstered by tackle Tim Brown, who started for three years before missing last season with an injury.

Another boost this year comes from free safety Jahmile Addae, who registered 99 tackles, four interceptions and 16 pass breakups as a sophomore in 2002 only to watch from the sideline last year with a shoulder injury. Cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones contributed four picks and 14 breakups last year.

Most of the key performers from the defensive front are back, but All-America linebacker Grant Wiley is a major loss. The return of seniors Adam Lehnortt and Scott Gyorko at the other two linebacker spots softens the blow. The two combined for 258 tackles a year ago.

After hosting Maryland and visiting Virginia Tech in the first half of the season, the Mountaineers should enjoy clear sailing through the Big East to a BCS bowl.

**Almost perfect** West Virginia is coming off back-to-back 6-1 conference records.

**Growing up** Sixty-eight percent of the 2003 WVU roster were freshmen and sophomores. **Good reception** In the Mountaineers' 34-23 win at Syracuse, Chris Henry set a school record with 209 receiving yards.





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# 6 Texas Longhorns

**2003 results:** 10-3 (7-1 Big 12)

**Returning starters:** 7 offense, 6 defense, both kickers


Chris Covatta

**T**exas coach Mack Brown enhanced his defensive coaching staff in the off-season by hiring Greg Robinson, who has two Super Bowl rings from his days as the Denver Broncos' defensive coordinator, and Dick Tomey, former Arizona head coach during the heyday of the Desert Swarm. Greeting them upon their arrival was linebacker Derrick Johnson, arguably the best defensive football player in America. Johnson is equally adept at shutting down wide receivers in pass coverage and blowing up running plays — his career numbers include 328 tackles and eight interceptions. Junior Rodrigue Wright has started at tackle since early in his freshman year and now assumes leadership of the front four, with three regulars back in the secondary.

Brown, as usual, has more starting quarterbacks than he needs. There is Chance Mock, whose 2003 touchdown-to-interception ratio of 8-to-1 (16 TD passes, two INTs) was the nation's best. And there's Vince Young, the most athletically gifted quarterback in college football. Tailback Cedric Benson has posted three straight 1,000-yard seasons, capped by a 1,360-yard, 21-touchdown campaign last fall, and will be running behind four returning offensive line starters this season.

The graduation of Roy Williams, B.J. Johnson and Sloan Thomas leaves senior Tony Jeffery, with 24 career receptions, as the most experienced wide receiver. Bo Scaife and David Thomas are as productive a pair of pass-catching tight ends as you will find, with 72 career catches and eight touchdown grabs between them.

The Longhorns get a chance to avenge last year's early-season loss to Arkansas in a return trip to Fayetteville on Sept. 11. The Red River Shootout in Dallas and a visit from North Division favorite Missouri fall on consecutive October Saturdays.

**Almost perfect 10** Texas has won 10 or more games in each of three straight seasons for the first time in its history.

**Scoring streak** Texas has put points on the board in 277 straight games, the NCAA's longest current streak.

**Getting offensive** The 2003 Longhorn offense covered more yards (5,709) and tallied more points (533) than any other in school history.

# 7 Michigan Wolverines

**2003 results:** 10-3 (7-1 Big Ten)

**Returning starters:** 7 offense, 6 defense, both kickers


Joe Robbins

**M**att Gutierrez might have been the best non-starting quarterback in America last year. He completed 13-of-19 in seven 2003 appearances mopping up for John Navarre after red-shirting as a 2002 freshman. Since moving into the lineup two years ago, senior wide receiver Braylon Edwards has registered two 1,000-yard receiving seasons and caught 24 touchdown passes. Jason Avant turned in a team-high 16.4-yard average on 47 catches last season. Steve Breaston did most of his damage as a return specialist, bringing two punts back for touchdowns, and contributed 38 catches and three touchdown grabs on offense. And Tim Massaquoi is an excellent pass-catching tight end with 15 catches, two for scores, last season.

Doak Walker Award winner Chris Perry's graduation leaves a huge void at tailback that David Underwood, Jerome Jackson and Pierre Rembert might fill by committee. All-American David Baas spearheads the offensive line from his left guard position.

The Michigan secondary is an elite unit with returning starters in cornerbacks Markus Curry and Marlin Jackson and safety Ernest Shazor, all seniors. Leon Hall led the Wolverines with three interceptions as a true freshman last fall.

There are some holes to fill in the front four, but Pat Massey is back at end, where sophomore LaMarr Woodley is an impact player waiting to happen. The same can be said of sophomore linebacker Prescott Burgess, who joins team-leading tackler Lawrence Reid and Pierre Woods in the starting threesome for 2004.

Iowa visits Ann Arbor on Sept. 25 and Wisconsin is off the schedule this year. The Big Ten title will likely be decided when Michigan visits Ohio State on Nov. 20.

**On the cusp** Michigan briefly eclipsed Notre Dame's all-time NCAA winning percentage lead by beating Ohio State in the 2003 regular-season finale, then lost it back by dropping the Rose Bowl to USC. A win over Miami (Ohio) in the 2004 opener will put the Wolverines back on top.

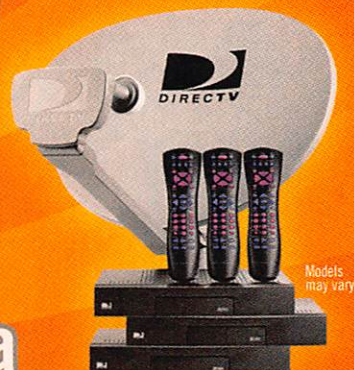
**Elite coach** Lloyd Carr's .768 career winning percentage (86-26) ranks fourth among active Division I-A coaches.

**Conference dominance** Michigan's 2003 Big Ten title was its 41st.



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# 8 LSU Tigers

2003 results: 13-1 (7-1 SEC)

Returning starters: 6 offense, 7 defense, placekicker



Courtland Richards

**T**here is one glaring difference between LSU and the other behemoths rampaging through college football these days: LSU needs a new quarterback. Whether Marcus Randall, JaMarcus Russell or Matt Flynn can guide the Tiger attack with the same steady hand as Matt Mauck did remains to be seen. Russell, a redshirt freshman, possesses enormous potential but zero experience.

Defensively, the Bayou Bengals might be the nation's best. End Marcus Spears and linebacker Lionel Turner burst upon the national scene with unforgettable performances in the 21-14 Sugar Bowl win over Oklahoma, and both return in '04 as seniors. All-America cornerback Corey Webster intercepted seven passes and broke up 25 others. Cornerback Travis Daniels broke up 26 passes and scored on a 48-yard interception return. Free safety LaRon Landry, a 2003 Freshman All-American, led the Tigers in tackles with 80.

Skyler Green, the nation's top punt returner, caught 48 passes with five TD catches and opened the scoring in the Sugar Bowl on a 24-yard end around. Tailback Justin Vincent rushed for over 1,000 yards as a true freshman last fall despite not taking over as a starter until Game 7. The Tigers are well-stocked in the backfield behind Vincent, but the pride of the offense is the line, which held five of its last six 2003 opponents to zero sacks, and returns three full-time and two part-time starters. Senior All-American Ben Wilkerson anchors the unit at center.

The Tigers host Oregon State to open the season, and travel to Georgia and Florida on a rugged midseason road swing. A rematch with Georgia in the SEC Championship Game on Dec. 4 appears likely.

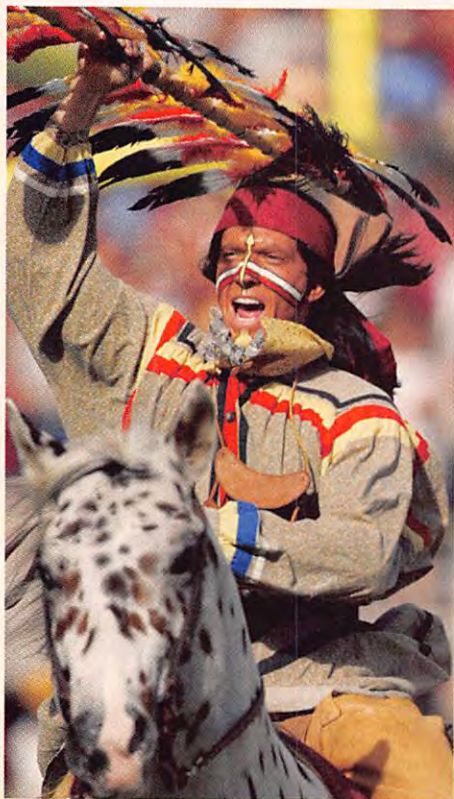
**Baker's dozen** The 2003 LSU squad set a school record with its 12th victory of the year in the SEC title game win over Georgia, then added another by beating Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl. **Nothing but Green** Skyler Green finished atop the 2003 Division I-A punt return chart with an 18.5-yard average and two touchdowns.

**Vini Vidi Vincent** Justin Vincent surpassed Dalton Hilliard as the most prolific freshman ball-carrier in school history with 1,001 yards.

# 9 Florida State Seminoles

2003 results: 10-3 (7-1 ACC)

Returning starters: 9 offense, 4 defense, placekicker



Chris Covatta

**W**ith all of the criticism Chris Rix has endured regarding his periodic struggles with inconsistency, one might be surprised to know he is the ACC's returning pass efficiency leader after throwing for 3,107 yards with a 23-13 touchdown-to-interception margin last year. Coach Bobby Bowden secured FSU's quarterback future by signing highly rated prospects Xavier Lee and Drew Weatherford to scholarships this February.

At running back, the Noles are going small with Leon Washington and Lorenzo Booker scheduled to share tailback duties after the graduation of Greg Jones. Washington and Booker combined for 721 yards at well over five yards per carry as Jones' backups last season.

Senior wideout Craphonso Thorpe led the Noles in all receiving categories last season, averaging 19.5 yards on 51 catches with 11 touchdown grabs despite missing the last two-plus games with a broken leg. Chris Davis, Dominic Robinson and Chauncey Stovall round out one of the nation's best wide receiver corps.

The offensive line returns as a unit two-deep, anchored by consensus All-American Alex Barron at tackle. The defensive front, however, needs reloading. Rush end Eric Moore is the only returning starter. Despite losing all three starting linebackers to graduation, the new array of A.J. Nicholson and Ernie Sims at the outside spots and either Buster Davis or Sam McGrew in the middle would be the envy of most programs.

Safety Pat Watkins and cornerback Leroy Smith return after tying for the team lead with three interceptions each, joined by rover Jerome Carter and either Bryant McFadden or Antonio Cromartie in the other corner.

The Seminoles open the season with a trip to Miami and close at home with Florida. Bowden Bowl VI takes place in Tallahassee on Sept. 25.

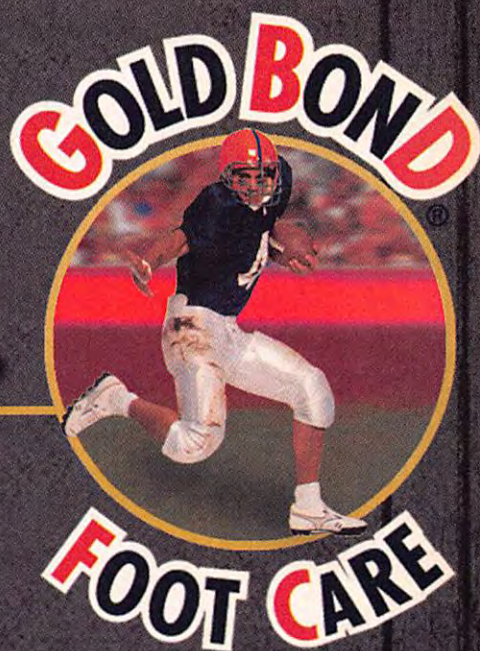
**Old faithful** Chris Rix will be the first four-year starting quarterback of Bobby Bowden's coaching career.

**The last shall be first** The 2003 Seminoles finished last in the ACC in third-down conversions and led the league in third-down conversion defense.

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# 10 Ohio State Buckeyes

**2003 results:** 11-2 (6-2 Big Ten)

**Returning starters:** 3 offense, 4 defense, placekicker


Ric Fogel

**A** year removed from its latest national title, Ohio State could challenge for another in 2004. But coach Jim Tressel has to replenish the pantry at the quarterback position, where Craig Krenzel and Scott McMullen have been starter and backup for the last two years. Sophomore Justin Zwick, who came to Columbus after a stellar high school career in Massillon, has the only experience (4-of-8 in mop-up duty), and his name sits atop the depth chart.

Santonio Holmes caused a stir among Big Ten observers last fall by turning in a team-high 17.2-yard average on 32 catches with seven touchdowns as a freshman. Tailback Lydell Ross ran for 826 yards and 10 touchdowns in 2003. Tressel will restock his offensive line around Nick Mangold, one of the top two centers in the Big Ten.

A.J. Hawk led the 2003 Buckeyes in tackles and picked off two passes from his weak-side linebacker station. Bobby Carpenter, a two-game starter last season, and Mike D'Andrea were two of the nation's most coveted linebacker recruits two years ago, and Anthony Schlegel, who was the top linebacker in the Mountain West before transferring from Air Force, is an intriguing addition to the unit.

End Simon Fraser is the only returning starter in the front four, but junior Marcus Green and sophomores Quinn Pitcock and Jason Patterson should comprise a formidable tackle rotation after seeing extensive duty last season. Dustin Fox tied for the team lead with three interceptions and headlines the secondary corps from his cornerback spot. Trusty Mike Nugent returns for his senior year as placekicker.

The '04 Buckeyes take to the road for matchups with NC State and Iowa, but Wisconsin and Michigan must come to Columbus. The Wisconsin and Iowa games are on back-to-back October Saturdays.

**Home in the Horseshoe** Ohio State is riding a 16-game home winning streak.

**Tough going** The 2003 Buckeyes finished second nationally in rushing defense at 62.3 yards per game.

**Tressel delivers** Ohio State's record of 32-7 (.821) since Jim Tressel arrived as head coach is tied with Texas for third-best in the nation.

# 11 Missouri Tigers

**2003 results:** 8-5 (4-4 Big 12)

**Returning starters:** 4 offense, 9 defense, punter


Dave Preston

**W**ith one of the best quarterbacks in the country, Brad Smith, and a formidable defensive lineup coming off an eight-win season, there's no reason to believe coach Gary Pinkel's 2004 Missouri team can't represent the North in the Big 12 Championship Game. Smith's amazing talents have translated into 6,745 total yards, including 2,435 rushing yards, over the last two years.

If the offensive line can rebound from the graduation losses of tackle Rob Droege and center A.J. Ricker, former junior college All-American Damien Nash should have a major impact at tailback. Nash rushed for 462 yards last season as now departed 1,000-yard rusher Zack Abnon's backup. Redshirt freshman Marcus Woods, who raised eyebrows during the spring, and high school All-American Tony Temple of Kansas City could turn the tailback vacancy into a crowd.

Thomson Omboga and Sean Coffey combined for 79 catches last season, and big things are expected from Brad Ekwerekwu, a 6'3" sophomore with 4.3 speed who came out of a redshirt after five games last season.

The three-man rotation of James Kinney, Dedrick Harrington and David Richard at the two linebacker spots in Missouri's 4-2-5 defense looks like the best of the Big 12. Kinney racked up 147 tackles in 2003. End Brian Smith led the nation's freshmen last year with eight sacks, and tackles C.J. Mosley and Atiyah Ellison combined for 30 tackles behind the line.

Only one full-time starter is gone from last year's secondary. Free safety Nino Williams and cornerback Calvin Washington lead the returnees.

The Tigers' non-conference schedule is almost unfair (Arkansas State, Troy State and Ball State) and Oklahoma won't show up until the Big 12 Championship Game. Trips to Texas and Nebraska and a home date against Kansas State highlight the slate.

**Going bowling** Missouri's Independence Bowl appearance last New Year's Eve was its first postseason game since 1998.

**Huskin' corn** Missouri beat Nebraska last year for the first time in a quarter century with a 41-24 victory in Columbia.

**Ground attack** The '03 Tigers led the Big 12 and finished sixth nationally in rushing at 237.5 yards per game.



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# 12 Kansas State Wildcats

**2003 results:** 11-4 (6-2 Big 12)

**Returning starters:** 6 offense, 4 defense, placekicker


Dave Preston

It won't be easy to replace quarterback Ell Roberson, Kansas State's all-time total offense leader. Roberson's backup, Jeff Schwinn, is gone too. The projected starter is sophomore Dylan Meier, who completed 5-of-8 passes last season and finished third on the team in rushing with 149 yards at 9.3 per carry.

Running back Darren Sproles enters the 2004 season on the Heisman short list. The compact senior from Olathe, Kan., exploded for 1,986 yards on the ground last season, averaging 6.5 yards per carry and scoring 16 touchdowns. If coach Bill Snyder can conjure another deep threat at wide receiver — he pulled James Terry out of his hat last year — there should be room for Sproles to run. Antoine Polite, Davin Dennis and Jermaine Moreira combined for 68 catches last year. Senior Jon Doty and junior Jeromey Clary each started all 15 games at tackle last year, and Mike Johnson moves from guard to center for his senior year.

Coaches rotated eight men into the defensive line last season and five are back for 2004. Ends Kevin Huntley and Scott Edmonds move into the lineup as starters after collecting six sacks apiece off the bench last year.

Ted Sims, Matt Butler and Sean Lowe comprise a veteran linebacking crew. Sims rang up 79 tackles last season, including 15 in the Texas game. The secondary already boasts Cedric Williams, who led the 2003 Wildcats with five interceptions, and free safety Jesse Tetuan, and is further bolstered by the addition of junior college All-Americans Kyle Williams and Maurice Porter.

Kansas State plays host to Oklahoma, Nebraska and Texas Tech on consecutive October weekends. The North Division champion could emerge from the Wildcats' trip to Missouri on Nov. 6.

**Tough league** K-State's ninth-place Division I-A finish in rushing offense (228.6 ypg.) was only good enough for fourth in the Big 12 — behind Missouri, Nebraska and Texas.

**Dee-fense** Kansas State led the conference last season in both rushing defense at 108.5 yards per game, and in sacks with a total of 51.

**On a roll** The Wildcats have reached the 11-win mark in six of the last seven seasons and have been to bowl games for 11 straight years.

# 13 Clemson Tigers

**2003 results:** 9-4 (5-3 ACC)

**Returning starters:** 8 offense, 7 defense, punter


Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

The Bowden Bowl barrier has been broken. The BCS barrier beckons. With the addition of Miami and Virginia Tech, the ACC just got a lot harder to win, but coach Tommy Bowden certainly has the horses to mount a serious challenge.

Quarterback Charlie Whitehurst completed 62 percent of his passes last season for an ACC sophomore record 3,561 yards and 21 touchdowns. Having Kevin Youngblood and Derrick Hamilton to throw to didn't hurt his cause, and they're gone now. But senior Airese Currie is a top-of-the-line wideout with 77 career receptions, including 43 last year.

Leading rusher Duane Coleman is back, along with Yusef Kelly, the leading rusher in 2002 who was slowed by injuries last year. Both starting guards and center Tommy Sharpe are back, but Bowden has to find two new offensive tackles.

The Tiger defense will be strong in the back seven. Senior Leroy Hill returns at linebacker after a registering 145 tackles (27 for a loss) and three interceptions last fall and landing on the All-ACC first team. The entire regular cast is back in the secondary. Rover Jamaal Fudge contributed a team-high four interceptions and 116 tackles; cornerbacks Justin Miller and Tye Hill and free safety Travis Pugh pulled down a pair of picks apiece.

End Maurice Fountain is the lone returning starter in the front four. End Vontrell Jamison and 305-pound tackle Eric Coleman have lots of game action under their belts and should soften the blow of Donnell Washington's early departure to the pros.

The 2004 Tigers will get Maryland at home on Oct 23 and rival South Carolina comes to Death Valley to close the season, but Florida State, Virginia and Miami are all road games.

**Breakthrough** Clemson's 26-10 win over Florida State last year was its first since the Seminoles joined the ACC in 1992.

**Momentum** The Tigers finished 2003 on a four-game winning streak, outscoring those four opponents by a combined score of 156-48.

**New standard** Clemson's 5,467 yards of total offense and 3,687 passing yards in 2003 were new school records.



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# 14 California Golden Bears

**2003 results:** 8-6 (5-3 Pac-10)

**Returning starters:** 7 offense, 8 defense, no kickers

It's a long way from USC to the rest of the Pac-10, but coach Jeff Tedford is building the kind of program at California that just might bridge that gap. The Golden Bears after all were the only team good enough to beat the mighty Trojans last season.

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers threw for 2,903 yards as a sophomore out of junior college despite not taking over as the starter until Game 5. He completed 62 percent of his throws with 19 touchdowns and five picks. Reggie Robertson, a 63-percent passer last fall, started the first four games of '03 and returns as a 2004 senior.

Geoff McArthur led the Pac-10 in receiving last year with 85 recep-

tions, averaging 17.7 yards per catch. McArthur returns along with Jonathan Makonnen, who led the team in receiving two years ago with 54 catches but missed the last 10 games of '03 with a stress fracture in his left foot.

Senior tailback J.J. Arrington tied for the conference lead last year with a 5.7-yards-per-carry average, running for 607 yards and five touchdowns as Adimchinobe Echemandu's backup. Arrington now moves up to starter's status and will be running behind a line that returns two full-time and two part-time starters.

Two-time honorable mention All-Pac-10 tackle Lorenzo Alexander

anchors the defensive line, with all of the 2003 linebackers and DBs returning to duty. Rover Donnie McCleskey was voted his team's Defensive MVP after pacing the unit in tackles with 102. Cornerback Daymeion Hughes came up with a pair of picks in five starts as a freshman.

The trip to Southern Miss on Sept. 18 to conclude the non-conference schedule could be dangerous. Then there is a week off before back-to-back road games at Oregon State and USC.

**The Tedford effect** Under head coach Jeff Tedford, California has put together back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1990-91.

**Leader of the Pac** The Golden Bears paced the Pac-10 in rushing offense last year at 168.2 yards per game.

**Inside the 20** California allowed its 2003 opponents a conference-low 70-percent conversion rate inside the red zone.



Peter Brouillet

# 15 Florida Gators

**2003 results:** 8-5 (6-2 SEC)

**Returning starters:** 5 offense, 3 defense, both kickers

Florida coach Ron Zook is cultivating one of the nation's great young quarterback talents in Chris Leak, who broke into the starting lineup last season in Game 5 and participated in all 13 contests. He completed 59 percent of his passes for 2,435 yards and 16 touchdowns. And he was a true freshman. Zook keeps promising to move Gavin Dickey to another position, but as of the spring he was still at quarterback.

The top three receivers from last year are gone, but O.J. Small is back after catching 35 balls. Small has caught at least one pass in each of the last 18 games. Watch out for fellow receiver Andre Caldwell, an emerging star. Ciatrick Fason and DeShawn Wynn could develop into a potent one-two tailback punch with the departure of last year's leading rusher, Ran Carthon. Fason and Wynn each ran for over 500 yards last year, and Fason averaged 6.9 per carry.

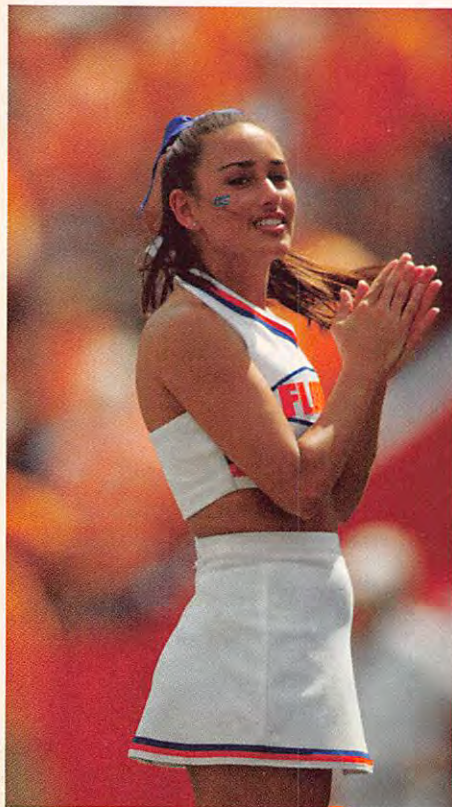
Six offensive linemen who started at least one 2003 contest are back. Right tackle Randy Hand, right guard Lance Butler and center Mike Degory started nine games together last year as sophomores. Mo Mitchell, a four-game starter at tackle in 2002 who played defense last year, returns to offense for 2004.

Channing Crowder was first-team All-SEC after leading the nation's freshmen in tackles with 106. He returns at linebacker alongside 2003 SEC All-Freshman selection Earl Everett. With Mitchell going back to offense and Travis Harris switching to linebacker, Ray McDonald is the only full-time starter back on the D-Line. But McDonald made Freshman All-America last year, and there are lots of experienced bodies to fill in the gaps. Guss Scott, Daryl Dixon and Keiwan Ratliff have all departed, but cornerback Reynaldo Hill and strong safety Cory Bailey both started last year's Outback Bowl, and Bailey has 10 career starts.

The Gators travel to Tennessee to open the conference season and to Florida State to close the regular season. In between come LSU in Gainesville and Georgia in Jacksonville.

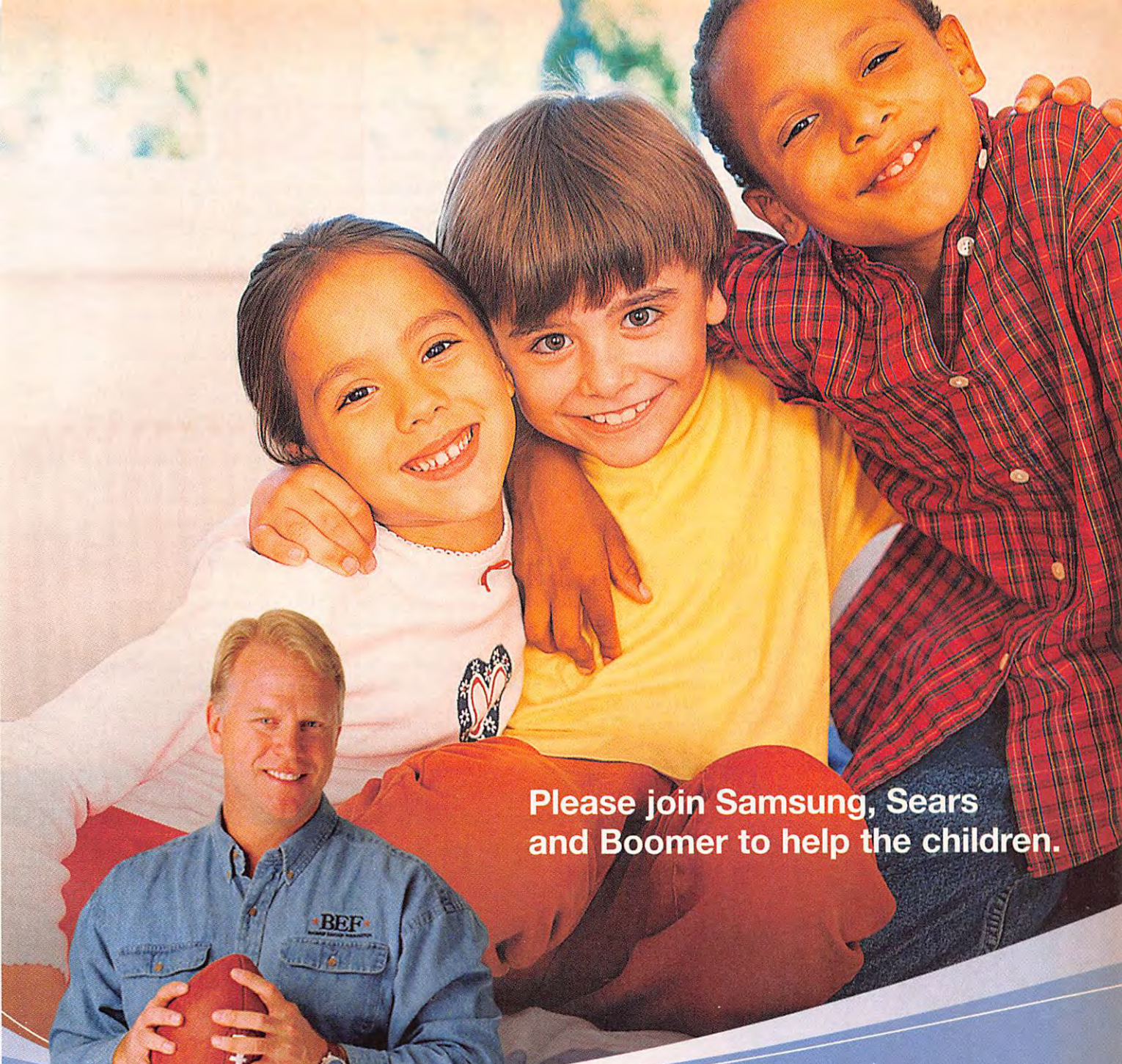
**Streaking** Florida's current streak of 16 consecutive winning seasons is the longest in the SEC. **Chris rocks** Chris Leak's 6-2 record as a starter last year gave him the highest winning percentage of all the nation's freshman quarterbacks.

**Bring 'em on** The NCAA rated Florida's 2003 schedule the nation's second-toughest, trailing only Alabama.



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# 16 Utah Utes

**2003 results: 10-2 (6-1 MWC)**
**Returning starters: 7 offense, 7 defense, both kickers**


Josh Brown

**S**econd-year Utah coach Urban Meyer's spread offense sure is fun to watch — all that pitching and shoveling and short passes turned into long gainers. It didn't take long for his new players to catch on, and it certainly didn't take Alex Smith long to supplant Brett Elliott as the starting quarterback.

Smith is a perfect fit for Meyer's system. He took over as the starter in Game 3 and proceeded to complete 65 percent of his passes for 2,247 yards with 15 touchdowns and only three interceptions. But an offensive line that returns just two full-time starters better pull together in a hurry, because quarterback depth is precariously thin.

Smith teams with Paris Warren as one of the nation's premier pass-catch combos. Warren led the Mountain West in receptions with 76. The Utes are loaded at wide receiver with Steve Savoy and Travis LaTendresse, who combined for 72 receptions in 2003, also returning to duty. Two-time all-conference running back Brandon Warfield needs to be replaced, but Mike Liti showed remarkable potential backing up Warfield as a true freshman, averaging 4.9 yards on 42 carries.

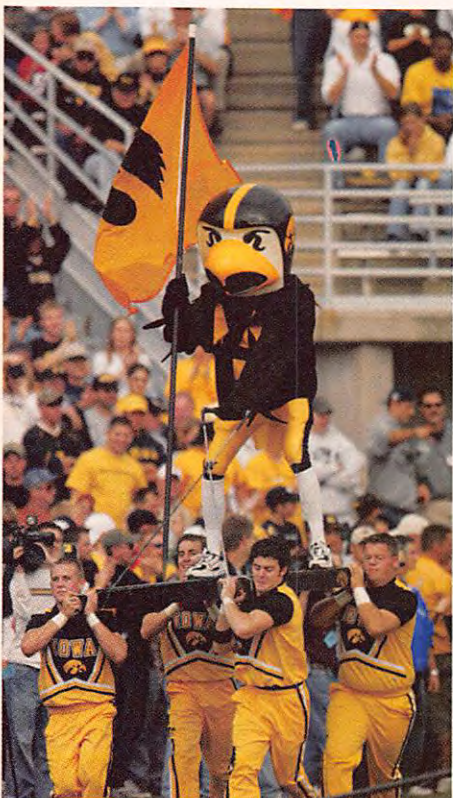
Coordinator Kyle Whittingham has free rein over Meyer's defense and is building quite a reputation of his own. The veteran Ute D-Line could get a major boost if end Jason Kaufusi can bounce back from the shoulder injury that torpedoed his 2003 season. Free safety Morgan Scalley is the playmaker in the back seven with 73 tackles and two interceptions in 2003. Scalley returned one of his two fumble recoveries 74 yards for a touchdown against Southern Miss. Cornerback Eric Weddle contributed a team-high three picks, and linebackers Corey Dodds and Spencer Toone combined for 107 tackles.

The Utes must face their toughest competition for the MWC crown — San Diego State and New Mexico — on the road. Air Force and Colorado State are both home dates.

**Packing 'em in** The 41,478 average attendance in Rice-Eccles Stadium in 2003 was a new record. **Kick away** Utah led the nation in kickoff returns last year with a 28.2-yard average.

**Blankity blank** The Utes finished 2003 by shutting out their last two opponents — 3-0 at BYU and 17-0 over Southern Miss in the Liberty Bowl.

# 17 Iowa Hawkeyes

**2003 results: 10-3 (5-3 Big Ten)**
**Returning starters: 2 offense, 7 defense, punter**


Chris Covatta

**T**he Hawkeyes have had seniors at quarterback for four years in a row. Now a sophomore will lead them. Drew Tate is the most experienced of the candidates to replace Nathan Chandler. Tate completed 6-of-11 with a touchdown throw and ran for 46 yards on five attempts last fall.

Ed Hinkel should be a major player on the receiving end of the passing game. Hinkel had an outstanding freshman year in 2002 but was slowed by a groin injury in '03. Calvin Davis hauled in 23 passes as a freshman last year and now will take his place at the other wideout opposite a hopefully healthy Hinkel.

Tailback Fred Russell ran for over 1,000 yards in each of the last two seasons and has departed, leaving the job to Jermelle Lewis, who ran for 709 yards in relief duty two years ago but was limited to 241 yards in an injury-shortened 2003 campaign. The graduation of Outland Trophy winner Robert Gallery from the offensive line leaves a huge hole to fill, literally and figuratively, but players with starting experience return at all of the other four positions. Guard Mike Jones started the last seven games of 2003 as a true freshman.

There is no better set linebacker duo anywhere in America than Iowa's Abdul Hodge, who led the Big Ten in tackles last year with 141, and Chad Greenway, who finished third in the conference with 132. And they were sophomores. Iowa intercepted 13 passes last season and three returning DBs — free safety Sean Considine and cornerbacks Jovon Johnson and Antwan Allen — accounted for 10 of them. All-Big Ten end Matt Roth is back after registering 16 tackles for a loss and 12 sacks last fall. Tackles Jonathan Babineaux and Tyler Luebke and end-tackle swingman Derreck Robinson are hard-nosed D-Linemen with starting experience.

**Trifecta** Iowa closed the 2003 season with three straight victories over ranked opponents — No. 22 Minnesota, No. 21 Wisconsin and No. 17 Florida.

**Happy home** Iowa's current 12-game home winning streak is a Kinnick Stadium record.

**Paltry points** The Hawkeyes led the Big Ten last year in scoring defense at 16.2 points per game.



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## 18 Tennessee Volunteers

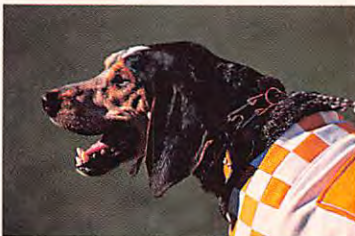
**B**efore spring practice began, Gerald Riggs Jr. proclaimed himself on a mission to seize the tailback job from starter Cedric Houston. Riggs then proceeded to sit out most of the spring with a high ankle sprain.

James Banks, the team's leading receiver last season, is serving a disciplinary suspension and may or may not return for 2004. But sophomore Jayson Swain and redshirt freshman Robert Meachem should begin to fulfill the promise they brought to Knoxville, and junior Chris Hannon returns after nabbing a team-high seven TD passes. Senior Michael Muñoz, who has started all 36 games of his college career, still anchors the offensive line at left tackle.

Neither of Tennessee's top two candidates to take over for departed quarterback Casey Clausen — C.J. Leak and Casey's brother, Rick Clausen — inspired awe during the spring. The Vols eagerly await the arrival of freshmen Brent Schaeffer and Erik Ainge in August.

The defensive front seven features end Parys Haralson and linebackers Kevin Simon and Kevin Burnett as headliners. Cornerback Jason Allen and free safety Corey Campbell each picked off a pair of passes last fall.

The Florida Gators will visit noisy Neyland on Sept. 18, but Georgia is a road game for the Vols, on Oct. 9.



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**Springing Leaks** If C.J. Leak wins the quarterback job, he will face off against his younger brother, Chris, in the Florida game.

**Winners** UT's record of 99–26 over the last 10 years is the SEC's best.

**2003 results:** 10–3 (6–2 SEC)

**Returning starters:** 5 offensive, 4 defensive, both kickers

## 19 Auburn Tigers

**T**hose lofty aspirations of last preseason sure came crashing down in a hurry. The offense lacked vitality, finishing 10th in the SEC in passing offense and middle-of-the-pack overall, prompting coach Tommy Tuberville to hire Al Borges as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

Borges' eager pupil is Jason Campbell, who has started 27 career games, including all 13 last season. If Campbell and his corps of receivers can catch on to the new system quickly, it will mean more running room for tailbacks Carnell Williams and Ronnie Brown.

Graduation hit the defensive front hard, taking tackle DeMarco McNeil and linebackers Karlos Dansby and Dontarrious Thomas, among others. But end Bret Eddins and linebacker Travis Williams return to their posts. Williams could be the Tigers' next great linebacker. Free safety Will Herring and cornerback Kevin Hobbs tied for the team lead last season with three picks apiece.

LSU's visit to Jordan-Hare Stadium this Sept. 18 is circled on the calendar. A trip to Tennessee is on the docket for Oct. 2, and Georgia comes in for a visit on Nov. 13.



Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

**2x1000** Auburn boasts two 1,000-yard rushers — Carnell Williams (1,307 yards last year) and Ronnie Brown (1,008 yards in 2002).

**Staying power** Tommy Tuberville is the SEC's second-longest-tenured coach behind Tennessee's Phillip Fulmer.

**2003 results:** 8–5 (5–3 SEC)

**Returning starters:** 7 offense, 6 defense, both kickers

## 20 Maryland Terrapins

**T**he graduation of two-year starter Scott McBrien leaves an opening at quarterback for Ralph Friedgen's Maryland squad. Sophomore Joel Statham was 12-of-25 in limited appearances last year and currently leads the field of candidates. Tailback Josh Allen is back after pacing the Terps in rushing with 922 yards and eight touchdowns last fall. Sammy Moldonado provides a big-back look when the situation calls for it.

Steve Suter, Rich Parson and Jo Jo Walker all return to the wide receiver group with a combined 69 catches from last year. Another all-conference first-teamer returning to College Park is guard C.J. Brooks, and Kyle Schmitt enters 2004 on the Rimington Award watch list.

The D-line took a hit with the early departure of tackle Randy Starks to the pros, but end Kevin Eli is back. D'Qwell Jackson led the Terps with 132 tackles and is back at linebacker along with sophomore Shawne Merriman. Domonique Foxworth returns at cornerback after picking off three passes last season, but he is the only returning starter in the secondary.

The absence of Miami glares blindingly from the 2004 schedule, but Florida State is slated to visit Byrd Stadium on Oct. 30. Clemson, Virginia and Virginia Tech are all there too, as late-season road games.



Mark Langello

**Three-year high** Since taking over at Maryland, Ralph Friedgen has 31 wins, the most ever for an ACC coach in his first three years.

**Breaking new ground** The 2003 Terps were the first ACC team ever to open the season 0–2 and finish with 10 wins.

**2003 results:** 10–3 (6–2 ACC)

**Returning starters:** 5 offense, 4 defense, both kickers

## 21 Wisconsin Badgers

**T**he 28–14 loss to Auburn in the Music City Bowl left a bad taste in the Badgers' mouths all off-season. Fortunately, 18 starters are back from the postseason lineup; unfortunately not one of them is the quarterback. Jim Sorgi piloted the offense for one year and left. Sophomore John Stocco ended 2003 as the No. 2 signal-caller and is the favorite to take over.

Tailback Anthony Davis is Heisman material if he can stay healthy. Last year as a freshman, Booker Stanley rushed for 125 yards against Ohio State and 523 yards for the season. Lee Evans is gone, but Jonathan Orr, Brandon Williams and Darrin Charles would make a suitable three-man receiver rotation for any team.

Both Badger lines return intact from last season. Guard Dan Buenning spearheads the offensive charge, while on defense, Anttaj Hawthorne is arguably the nation's best run-stuffer. Jeff Mack will be tough to replace at linebacker, but the secondary boasts All-America free safety Jim Leonhard and cornerback Scott Starks.

The Badgers must take on Ohio State and Purdue in back-to-back October road games, and close the season at Michigan State and Iowa back-to-back. Michigan is off the schedule for 2004.



Brian Ebnor

**Almost there** Anthony Davis needs seven yards to move into second place on the Wisconsin career rushing charts behind Ron Dayne, college football's all-time leader.

**Century mark** Wisconsin's next win will be Barry Alvarez's 100th.

**2003 results:** 7–6 (4–4 Big Ten)

**Returning starters:** 9 offense, 6 defense, both kickers



## 22 Oregon State Beavers

Quarterback Derek Anderson threw for over 4,000 yards in 2003 and returns to the controls of Mike Riley's offense for '04. The top rusher in school history, Steven Jackson, is gone, and he cannot be replaced. Dwight Wright is the top returnee, with 350 yards last fall. Receiver James Newson has also moved on after a stellar career and an 81-catch season in '03, but returnee Mike Hass turned in an eye-popping 23-yards-per-catch average on 44 receptions last season, scoring seven times. Second-team All-Pac-10 tackle Doug Nienhuis anchors one of the league's top offensive lines.

The Beavers will put one of the nation's best secondaries on the field in 2004, with Brandon Browner at cornerback and Mitch Meeuwsen at safety. Browner was the 2003 Pac-10 Freshman of the Year. He and Meeuwsen picked off six passes each. And each returned one for a touchdown. End Bill Swancutt and linebacker Trent Bray both return after combining for 31 tackles for a loss in '03.

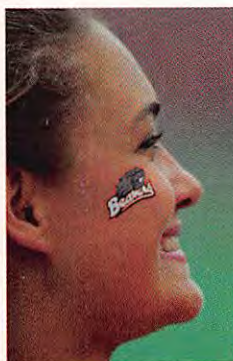
The Beavers will learn a lot about themselves when they travel to LSU for the season opener. USC will visit Reser Stadium on Nov. 6, with the annual Civil War set for Corvallis in the finale.

**Masochists** In 2004, Oregon State must play seven bowl teams from last season, including both national champions — LSU and USC.

**Both sides now** Oregon State led the Pac-10 last year in both total offense (463 yards per game) and total defense (288.7).

**2003 results:** 8-5 (4-4 Pac-10)

**Returning starters:** 4 offense, 7 defense, no kickers



Tom Treick

## 23 Nebraska Cornhuskers

Contrary to public perception, Nebraska football is not turning into an aerial circus. The West Coast offense new coach Bill Callahan brings with him is a balanced scheme. The option-I is history as the basic set, but Cory Ross and David Horne are still listed as I-backs and they will get lots of carries. Former coach Frank Solich brought in Joe Dailey two years ago as a dual-threat quarterback; Callahan recruited junior college transfer Jordan Adams and freshman Beau Davis as passers.

Tight end Matt Herian averaged 22 yards on his 22 receptions last season. Richie Incognito, a first-team All-Big 12 offensive tackle as a sophomore, appears to have made a smooth transition to center.

The defense revolves around omnipresent linebacker Barrett Ruud and All-America safety Josh Bullocks. Ruud led the Huskers with 149 tackles, including 13 for a loss, and scored two touchdowns on fumble and interception returns.

The Huskers host Southern Miss in an intriguing non-conference matchup on Sept. 11. Missouri's visit to Lincoln on Oct. 30 carries huge implications.

**Misconception?** With Bill Callahan as offensive coordinator, the 2000 Oakland Raiders led the NFL in rushing offense.

**Sold out** Nebraska holds the NCAA record of 262 consecutive home sellouts.

**2003 results:** 10-3 (5-3 Big 12)

**Returning starters:** 6 offense, 6 defense, placekicker



Chris Covatta

## 24 Minnesota Golden Gophers

It's a good thing Minnesota's running game is such a force. The top two quarterbacks from last year — Asad Abdul-Khaliq and Benji Kamrath — have departed, leaving Bryan Cupito as the only signal-caller on the team with any game experience. Cupito was 0-for-1 last season. Wide receiver Jared Ellerson is back after catching 44 passes at 20.7 yards per catch.

Marion Barber III, who ran for 1,196 yards last season, and Laurence Maroney, who ran for 1,121, comprise the nation's best tailback tandem. First-team All-Big Ten center Greg Eslinger leads four returning offensive line starters back into action for 2004.

Linebacker returnees Terrance Campbell and Kyle McKenzie totaled 148 tackles between them, while end Darrell Reid and tackle Mark Losli combined for 22.5 tackles for a loss. But safeties Eli Ward (team-high 96 tackles) and Justin Isom (team-high four interceptions) must be replaced.

Ohio State isn't on the schedule this year, but Michigan is there, at Ann Arbor on Oct. 9, and Iowa visits for the finale.

**Juggernaut** Last season's Minnesota offense set school records in almost every category, including total offense (6,430), rushing yards (3,759), touchdowns (66), points (503), first downs (326) and yards per play (6.6).

**No. 2 for now** Glen Mason is second to Joe Paterno among active Big Ten coaches with 103 career wins.

**2003 results:** 10-3 (5-3 Big Ten)

**Returning starters:** 5 offense, 6 defense, dual-purpose kicker



Bruce Schwartzman

## 25 Virginia Cavaliers

Virginia's offense bristles with weapons. It only needs someone to pull the trigger now that Matt Schaub's UVA. days are over. Coach Al Groh has installed Marques Hagans, who has bounced between QB and wide receiver over his first two years, as the new starter over a pair of more classic drop-back passers — Anthony Martinez and Notre Dame transfer Chris Olsen. Tight end Heath Miller, with 70 receptions last year, leads the pass-catching contingent.

Tailbacks Wali Lundy and Alvin Pearman have combined for 3,112 rushing yards and 196 pass receptions over their careers so far. An offensive line that returns intact and is spearheaded by 2003 Jacobs Blocking Award recipient Elton Brown should clear a wide path for the ball-carriers.

Groh is an old NFL linebackers coach, and he has surrounded himself with amazing talent — Ahmad Brooks, Darryle Blackstock, Kai Parham — at his favorite position. End Chris Canty still serves as anchor of the Cavs' three-man line, while cornerback Tony Franklin and safety Jermaine Hardy are back after swiping two passes apiece last season.

The 2004 Cavaliers must travel to Tallahassee to take on Florida State, but Maryland and Miami must come to Charlottesville.

**High marks** UVA.'s Heath Miller set new ACC tight end records in 2003 for single-season receptions (70) and career touchdown catches (15).

**Protection plus** Virginia's offensive line allowed the fewest sacks in the ACC — less than one per game.

**2003 results:** 8-5 (4-4 ACC)

**Returning starters:** 7 offense, 8 defense, both kickers



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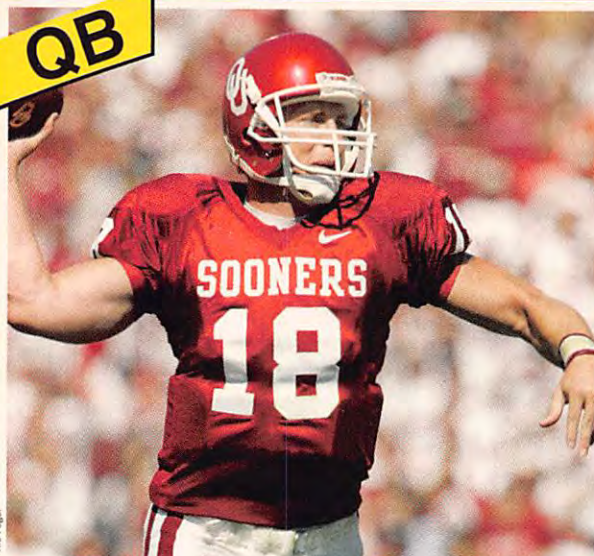


# Athlon Sports 2004 All-America Team

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**QB**



**Jason White**  
6'3" 221 Senior

**Oklahoma**

White is the reigning Heisman Trophy winner. During the 12-game 2003 regular season, before an injury to his throwing hand limited his effectiveness in the postseason, White completed 65 percent of his passes for 3,446 yards and posted an incredible touchdown-to-interception ratio of 40-to-6. His 40 touchdown passes set a school record. He piloted an offense that topped the 50-point plateau seven times. In addition to the Heisman, White also won the Davey O'Brien Award.

**RB**



**Justin Vincent** **LSU**  
5'11" 205 Sophomore

Vincent took over as LSU's starting tailback midway through the 2003 season and finished with a school freshman record 1,001 rushing yards, averaging 6.5 per carry with 10 touchdowns. He concluded his campaign with four consecutive 100-yard games. He owns the longest run in SEC championship game history with an 87-yard touchdown jaunt against Georgia. He ran for 201 yards in the conference title game and 117 yards against Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl, and captured the MVP Awards in both contests.

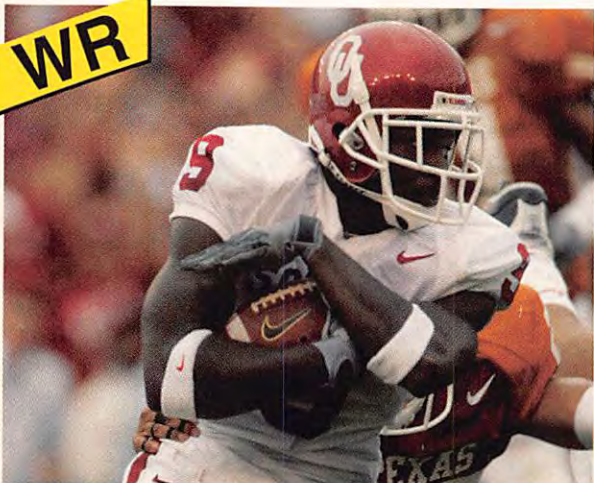
**RB**



**Darren Sproles** **Kansas State**  
5'7" 180 Senior

Sproles, an Athlon preseason All-America repeat selection, ran for more yards last season than any other back in the nation. The Iowa native exploded for 1,986 yards and 16 touchdowns, averaging 6.5 yards per carry. He is K-State's career-leading rusher with 3,661 yards. His school single-game record 345 all-purpose yards keyed the Wildcats' 35-7 Big 12 Championship Game victory over Oklahoma. He finished third in the AP Player of the Year voting and was runner-up for the Doak Walker Award.

**WR**



**Mark Clayton**  
5'11" 187 Senior

**Oklahoma**

No Oklahoma receiver ever had a year like Clayton had in 2003. He set school records for receiving yards in a game (190 vs. Texas), season (1,425) and career (2,333), and for touchdown catches in a season (15) and career (23). His 83 receptions last fall also top the school's single-season chart. Clayton isn't blessed with great speed or size, yet he had 533 yards after the catch for the year and turned in at least one YAC run of 25 yards or more in five different games.

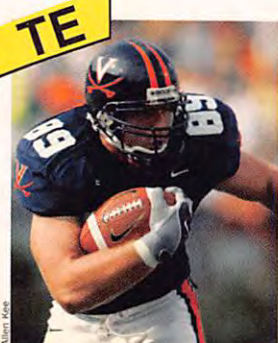
**WR**



**Braylon Edwards** **Michigan**  
6'3" 206 Senior

Edwards has led Michigan in every receiving category for two straight years. Last season he caught 85 passes for 1,138 yards and 14 touchdowns. He has caught three or more passes in each of the last 26 games and has averaged a touchdown every 6.5 receptions over his career. Edwards is 22 catches shy of the school's all-time mark and enters 2004 with a chance to become the first player in Big Ten history with three 1,000-yard receiving seasons.

**TE**



**Heath Miller** **Virginia**  
6'5" 254 Junior

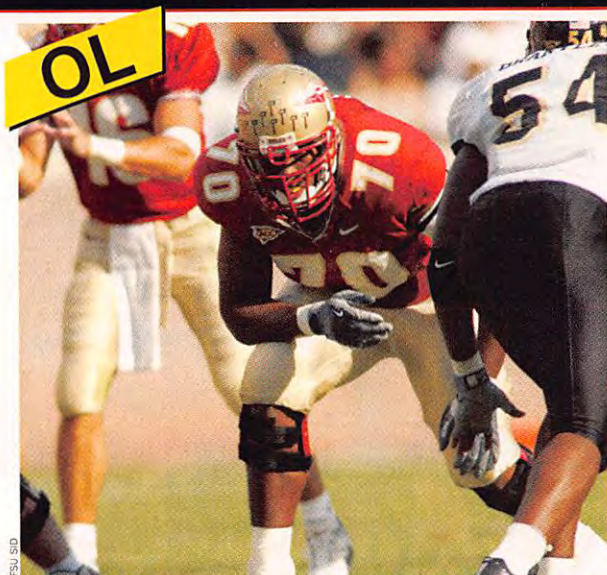
Miller came to UVA. from Swords Creek in 2001 as a high school quarterback and has transformed into the nation's best tight end. The first-team All-ACC returnee takes his blocking duties very seriously, but his receiving exploits are becoming legendary. He was the top receiver among the nation's tight ends last fall with 70 catches for 835 yards, both league records for a tight end. His 15 career touchdown catches also top the conference charts, and he has caught a pass in 21 straight games.



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**Alex Barron**

6'6" 325 Senior

**Florida State**

Barron, Florida State's third All-America offensive lineman in the last two years, has earned a reputation as one of the top pass blockers in the nation. After starting six games in a three-man rotation in 2002, he moved into the lineup full-time at split tackle last season with the graduation of All-American Brett Williams. The first-team all-conference returnee from Orangeburg, S.C. was named to the 2003 Associated Press, Football Writers Association and Walter Camp Foundation All-America first teams.

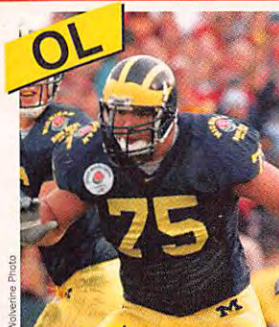


**Reggie Bush**

6'0" 190 Sophomore

**USC**

Bush can take over a game with his speed and moves. As a true freshman in 2003 he ranked 10th nationally and sixth among 2004 returnees with a 27.3-yard average on 18 kickoff returns, running one back for a touchdown. In addition, Bush is a talented tailback who will share time in the Trojans' loaded backfield.



**David Baas**

6'5" 307 Senior

**Michigan**

Baas is a three-year letterman and two-year starter at left guard for the Wolverines, having participated in 32 career games and started 27. He was the leader of the offensive line that paved the way for tailback Chris Perry's 1,674-yard rushing season in 2003. Baas has been selected first-team All-Big Ten for the last two campaigns by both the coaches and the media, and last fall he was named to the AP All-America second team.



**Ben Wilkerson**

6'4" 300 Senior

**LSU**

Wilkerson will be in his third season as LSU's starting center. Last year he started all 14 games for the Tigers, played 991 snaps and gave up a grand total of three sacks. He registered 13 pancakes and 87 knockdown blocks last fall. A former Freshman All-American in 2001, Wilkerson was first-team All-SEC and a second-team AP All-American in 2003, and was one of six finalists for the Rimington Award. The Tigers have won 27 of the 33 games he has started.

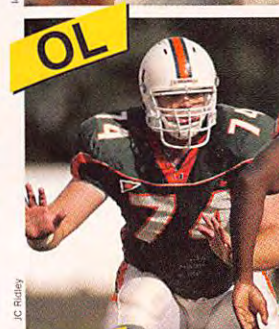


**Jammal Brown**

6'6" 313 Senior

**Oklahoma**

One of three repeaters on Athlon's preseason All-America team, Brown came to Oklahoma as one of the nation's most highly rated defensive tackle prospects, made the switch to offense and was starting at right tackle by his sophomore year. Brown graded out higher than all the other OU O-Linemen for the 2003 season and registered a team-high 127 knockdowns. He chased down and tackled UCLA linebacker Spencer Havner at the end of a 72-yard interception return.

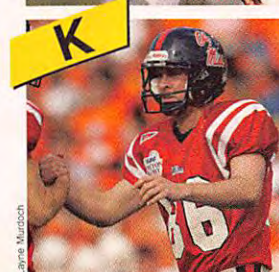


**Eric Winston**

6'7" 310 Junior

**Miami**

Winston, a converted tight end, is huge, fast, athletic and nasty. He made first-team All-Big East his first year as a tackle. He was named his team's offensive MVP by the coaching staff for his play in the Hurricanes' 22-20 victory over West Virginia last year. Winston has been compared favorably to former Miami All-America offensive tackle Bryant McKinnie, the seventh overall pick in the 2002 NFL Draft.



**Jonathan Nichols**

6'0" 180 Senior

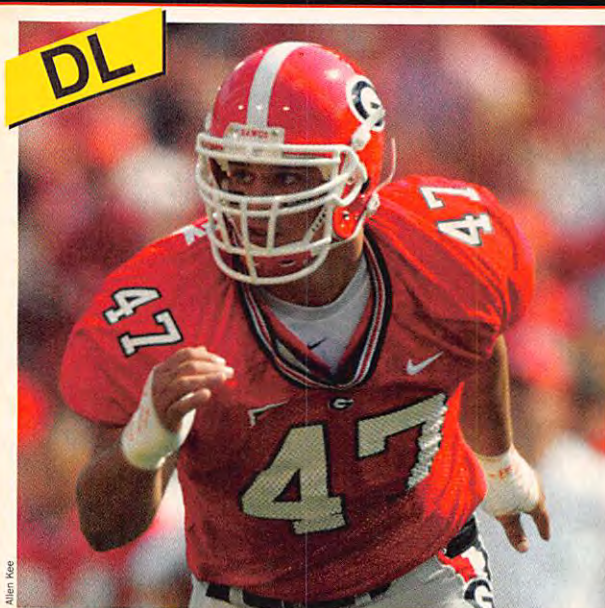
**Ole Miss**

Nichols won the 2003 Lou Groza Award as the nation's best placekicker. He tied for fourth nationally and is No. 1 among 2004 returnees with 1.92 field goals per game. He was 25-of-29, including 3-of-4 from 50 yards and out, and he was a perfect 49-for-49 on extra points.



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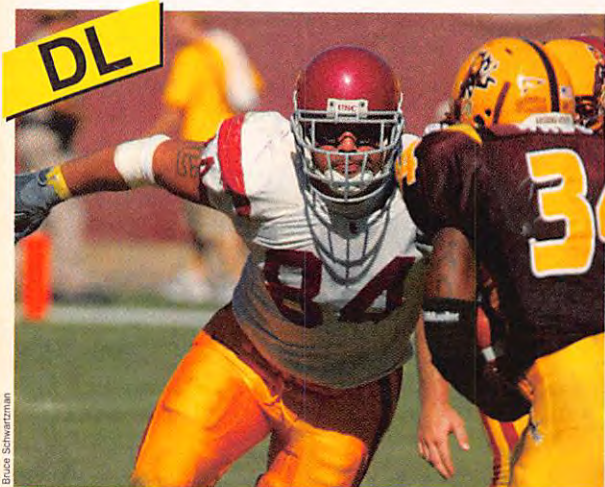


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**David Pollack**  
6'3" 276 Senior

**Georgia**

Pollack was an Athlon preseason All-American last year and is a two-year, first-team All-SEC selection by both the AP and the coaches. Opponents can't seem to find a way to keep him out of their backfields. His career numbers include 231 tackles with 40.5 for a loss and 23.5 sacks. And he's versatile, too. He has four interceptions and 16 pass breakups on his résumé. The history major from Snellville was a second-team AP All-American and one of four finalists for the Lombardi Award.

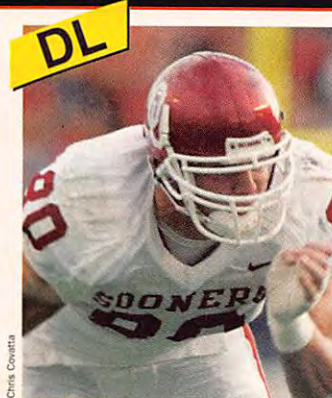


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**Shaun Cody**  
6'4" 285 Senior

**USC**

Cody came to USC in 2001 after being named the national high school Defensive Player of the Year as an end from Hacienda Heights. He switched to tackle in the middle of his freshman year and started the last eight games that season. He was a first-team All-Pac-10 and third-team AP All-America tackle in 2003, and now he is sliding back outside for his final campaign. Among his highlights from last season, he blocked three field goals.



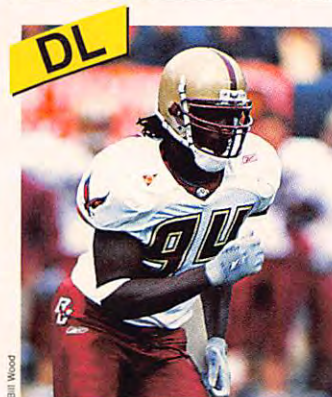
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**DL**

**Dan Cody**  
6'5" 260 Senior

**Oklahoma**

Cody finished the 2003 campaign as a consensus All-Big 12 selection, a third-team AP All-American and one of six finalists for the Ted Hendricks Award, honoring the nation's best defensive end. Entering the campaign with just three career sacks, he proceeded to lead the team and rank fourth in the conference with 10 sacks in '03, despite missing one game with an injury. Cody also pushed Sooners opponents back a total of 93 yards with his team-high 17 tackles for a loss.



Bill Wood

**DL**

**Mathias Kiwanuka** **Boston College**  
6'8" 249 Junior

In 2003, Kiwanuka became the first Boston College sophomore to be named to the All-Big East first team since William Green in 2000. As a freshman in '02, "Kiwi" finished second on the team with five sacks. Last year he rang up 83 total tackles, paced the Eagles with 16 tackles for a loss and led the conference with 11.5 sacks. He finished the year with a nine-tackle effort, including four solos and a sack, in the Eagles' 35-21 victory over Colorado State in the San Francisco Bowl.



Courtland Richards

**LB**

**Michael Boley** **Southern Miss**  
6'3" 228 Senior

Despite playing next to fellow Golden Eagle linebacker Rod Davis, a two-time All-American, Boley was a first-team All-Conference USA selection in 2003 and earned some All-America recognition of his own. Boley has compiled 293 tackles over the last two years, including 151 last fall. The Athens, Ala., import is the conference's returning leader in both tackles for a loss (23) and sacks (11). He also broke up five passes, forced three fumbles and recovered three.



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**LB**

**Kirk Morrison** **San Diego St.**  
6'2" 240 Senior

Morrison is the reigning Mountain West Conference Defensive Player of the Year. He was a freshman All-American in 2001. In 2002, he registered 97 tackles and led the league with five fumble recoveries. Last season he totaled 115 tackles, including 17 for a loss, and led the league with 1.33 tackles for a loss per game. His career numbers include 31 tackles behind the line and five interceptions. Another year like last year and Morrison will become the Aztecs' first three-time all-conference first-teamer since Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila.



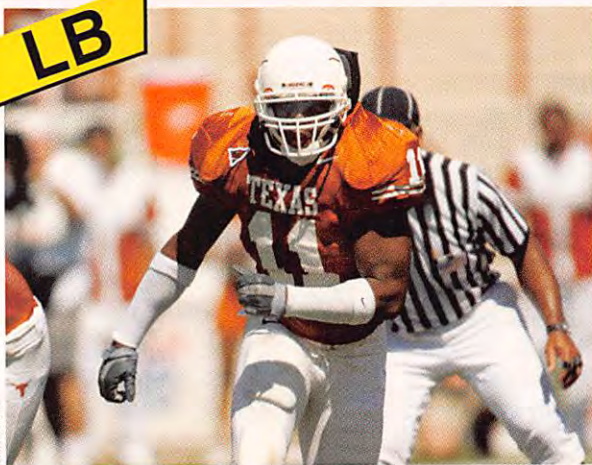
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LB



**Derrick Johnson**  
6'4" 230 Senior

**Texas**

Derrick Johnson enters his senior year with 328 tackles, including 46 for a loss of 128 yards, over his career. He has also intercepted eight passes. The Waco native has started every game the last two years and finished 2003 with 125 total tackles, including 78 solos, and four interceptions. He ran back one of his picks 47 yards for a touchdown against New Mexico State. He was a Butkus Award finalist, a unanimous All-Big 12 selection and a consensus All-American.

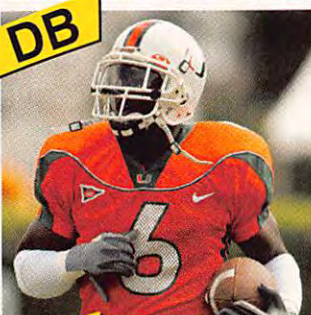
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**Josh Bullocks** **Nebraska**  
6'0" 205 Junior

Bullocks, the Cornhuskers' free safety, intercepted 10 passes last year, a school and Big 12 single-season record, making him the nation's top returning pass thief for 2004. He has 11 career picks, well within reach of Dana Stephenson's (1967-69) school record of 14. He also made 97 tackles in '03, was consensus first-team All-Big 12 and AP second-team All-America.

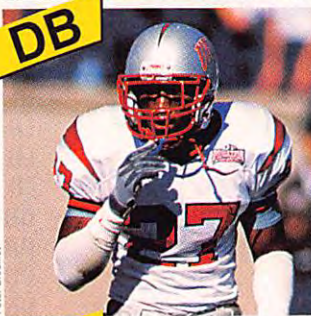
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**Antrel Rolle** **Miami**  
6'1" 202 Senior

Rolle is a two-time, first-team All-Big East returnee and was an AP All-America third teamer in 2003. He intercepted two passes last season, giving him four for his career. He returned one of his picks 30 yards for a touchdown against Louisiana Tech. He also scored on a 66-yard punt return against the Bulldogs. His 2003 numbers also include 51 tackles, 3.5 for a loss, and a sack.

DB



**Jamaal Brimmer** **UNLV**  
6'1" 215 Senior

Brimmer has been a unanimous first-team All-Mountain West Conference fixture for the last two years. In 2002, he led the MWC with 17 tackles for a loss and was named the league's Defensive Player of the Year. Last season he led the conference with six interceptions, returning them for a total of 186 yards and a touchdown. He also notched 77 tackles, 8.5 for a loss, forced four fumbles and recovered four.

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**Dustin Colquitt** **Tennessee**  
6'2" 196 Senior

Colquitt was last season's consensus All-America punter and was first-team All-SEC as voted by both the AP and the coaches. His punted 68 times for a 45.3-yard average, ranking sixth nationally, with a long of 67. He nailed 20 inside the opponents' 20-yard line for the second year in a row.

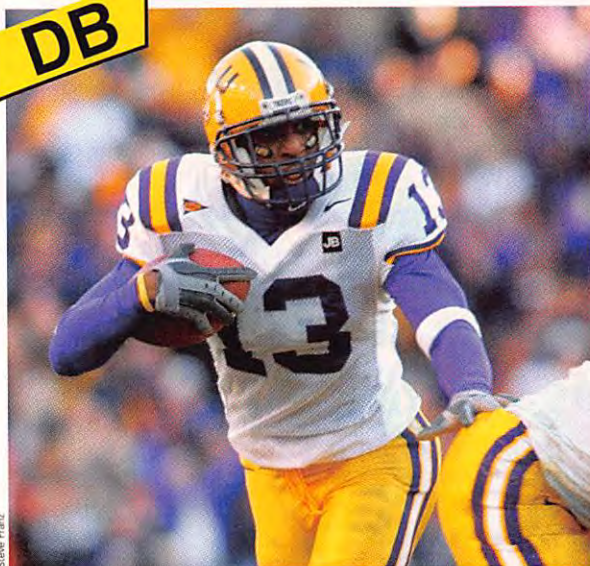
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**Skyler Green** **LSU**  
5'9" 190 Junior

Green did his part to secure LSU its share of the 2003 national title both as a receiver and as a return specialist. He led the nation in punt returns last fall with an 18.5-yard average on 25 runbacks. He went 62 yards to paydirt against Arizona with the first punt return of his career, and also scored on an 80-yard return against Florida.

DB



**Corey Webster**  
6'0" 197 Senior

**LSU**

Webster spent his first year at LSU as a wide receiver, catching seven passes in 12 games. In 2002 he moved to cornerback, and in his first season on the defensive side of the ball he intercepted seven passes. Last year, he intercepted seven more. His 14 picks over the last two years rank second on the school's career charts. Webster's 2003 worksheet also includes 36 solo tackles, 46 total, 3.5 tackles for a loss and a sack, and he was second in the SEC (behind teammate Travis Daniels) with 25 pass breakups.



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## First Team

### Offense

QB	Jason White	6'3"	221	Sr.	Oklahoma
RB	Darren Sproles	5'7"	180	Sr.	Kansas State
RB	Justin Vincent	5'11"	205	So.	LSU
WR	Mark Clayton	5'11"	187	Sr.	Oklahoma
WR	Braylon Edwards	6'3"	206	Sr.	Michigan
TE	Heath Miller	6'5"	254	Jr.	Virginia
OL	David Baas	6'5"	307	Sr.	Michigan
OL	Alex Barron	6'6"	325	Sr.	Florida State
OL	Jammal Brown	6'6"	313	Sr.	Oklahoma
OL	Ben Wilkerson	6'4"	300	Sr.	LSU
OL	Eric Winston	6'7"	310	Jr.	Miami

### Defense

DL	Dan Cody	6'5"	260	Sr.	Oklahoma
DL	Shaun Cody	6'4"	285	Sr.	USC
DL	Mathias Kiwanuka	6'8"	249	Jr.	Boston Coll.
DL	David Pollack	6'3"	276	Sr.	Georgia
LB	Michael Boley	6'3"	228	Sr.	So. Miss
LB	Derrick Johnson	6'4"	230	Sr.	Texas
LB	Kirk Morrison	6'2"	240	Sr.	San Diego St.
DB	Jamaal Brimmer	6'1"	215	Sr.	UNLV
DB	Josh Bullocks	6'0"	205	Jr.	Nebraska
DB	Antrel Rolle	6'1"	202	Sr.	Miami
DB	Corey Webster	6'0"	197	Sr.	LSU

### Specialists

K	Jonathan Nichols	6'0"	180	Sr.	Ole Miss
P	Dustin Colquitt	6'2"	196	Sr.	Tennessee

KR	Reggie Bush	6'0"	190	So.	USC
PR	Skyler Green	5'9"	190	Jr.	LSU

## Second Team

### Offense

QB	Matt Leinart	6'5"	220	Jr.	USC
RB	Cedric Benson	6'0"	215	Sr.	Texas
RB	DeAngelo Williams	5'10"	217	Jr.	Memphis
WR	Chris Henry	6'5"	200	Jr.	West Virginia
WR	Geoff McArthur	6'1"	200	Sr.	California
TE	Matt Herian	6'5"	240	Jr.	Nebraska
OL	C.J. Brooks	6'6"	318	Sr.	Maryland
OL	Vince Carter	6'3"	289	Sr.	Oklahoma
OL	Greg Eslinger	6'3"	285	Sr.	Minnesota
OL	Nick Kaczur	6'5"	305	Sr.	Toledo
OL	Claude Terrell	6'3"	330	Sr.	New Mexico

### Defense

DL	Dusty Dvoracek	6'3"	287	Sr.	Oklahoma
DL	Eric Henderson	6'3"	265	Jr.	Georgia Tech
DL	Matt Roth	6'4"	270	Sr.	Iowa
DL	Marcus Spears	6'4"	297	Sr.	LSU
LB	Will Derting	6'0"	237	Jr.	Wash. State
LB	Leroy Hill	6'1"	220	Sr.	Clemson
LB	Odell Thurman	6'1"	230	Jr.	Georgia
DB	Brandon Browner	6'4"	202	So.	Oregon State
DB	Thomas Davis	6'1"	220	Jr.	Georgia
DB	Jim Leonhard	5'8"	183	Sr.	Wisconsin
DB	Darrent Williams	5'9"	175	Sr.	Oklahoma

### Specialists

K	Trey DiCarlo	6'0"	204	Jr.	Oklahoma
P	Tom Malone	6'0"	190	Jr.	USC

KR	DeAndra Cobb	5'10"	191	Sr.	Mich. State
PR	Antonio Perkins	6'0"	188	Sr.	Oklahoma

## Third Team

### Offense

QB	Charlie Whitehurst	6'4"	220	Jr.	Clemson
RB	Walter Reyes	5'10"	209	Sr.	Syracuse
RB	Carnell Williams	5'11"	204	Sr.	Auburn
WR	Derek Hagan	6'2"	192	Jr.	Arizona State
WR	Ryan Moore	6'3"	215	So.	Miami
TE	Andrew Clarke	6'4"	249	Sr.	Toledo
OL	Wesley Britt	6'8"	313	Sr.	Alabama
OL	Justin Geisinger	6'4"	330	Sr.	Vanderbilt
OL	Rob Petitti	6'6"	330	Sr.	Pittsburgh
OL	Adam Snyder	6'6"	320	Sr.	Oregon
OL	Steve Subia	6'3"	365	Sr.	N. Mexico St.

### Defense

DL	Jovan Haye	6'3"	280	Jr.	Vanderbilt
DL	Anttaj Hawthorne	6'3"	312	Sr.	Wisconsin
DL	Mike Patterson	6'0"	285	Sr.	USC
DL	Justin Tuck	6'5"	245	Jr.	Notre Dame
LB	Channing Crowder	6'2"	241	So.	Florida
LB	Matt Grootegeod	5'11"	215	Sr.	USC
LB	Rian Wallace	6'4"	245	Jr.	Temple
DB	Darnell Bing	6'2"	220	So.	USC
DB	James Butler	6'3"	210	Sr.	Georgia Tech
DB	Travis Daniels	6'1"	187	Sr.	LSU
DB	Donnie McCleskey	5'10"	180	Jr.	California

### Specialists

K	Connor Hughes	6'0"	178	Jr.	Virginia
P	Brandon Fields	6'6"	233	So.	Mich. State

KR	Devin Hester	5'11"	185	So.	Miami
PR	Steve Breaston	6'1"	181	Jr.	Michigan



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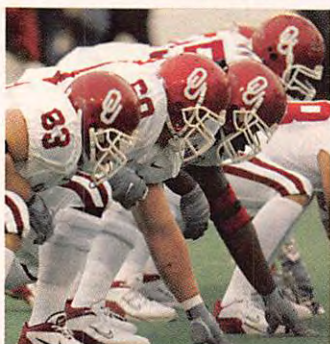
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Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Clemson	2	8	3	7	9	3	2
Duke	8	11	11	11	11	10	10
Florida State	3	5	2	1	3	4	1
Georgia Tech	5	6	9	8	5	9	4
Maryland	11	3	5	5	7	6	8
Miami	6	7	1	3	1	5	3
NC State	10	1	6	4	2	2	5
North Carolina	4	9	8	9	10	8	11
Virginia	9	2	7	2	4	1	9
Virginia Tech	1	10	10	6	6	7	7
Wake Forest	7	4	4	10	8	11	6

**XII**



Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Baylor	10	12	11	12	11	11	11
Colorado	4	6	10	9	6	12	10
Iowa State	11	11	12	11	7	10	12
Kansas	12	4	2	10	12	5	8
Kansas State	8	1	5	3	4	6	5
Missouri	2	8	3	8	2	1	6
Nebraska	7	7	9	4	5	7	2
Oklahoma	1	3	1	1	1	3	1
Oklahoma State	6	5	8	5	10	4	3
Texas	3	2	7	2	3	2	4
Texas A&M	5	9	6	7	9	9	7
Texas Tech	9	10	4	6	8	8	9

**Big EAST**  
CONFERENCE



Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Boston College	3	6	2	3	1	4	2
Connecticut	2	2	5	5	5	2	5
Pittsburgh	4	5	6	4	3	6	4
Rutgers	6	3	3	6	6	7	6
Syracuse	7	1	4	2	4	5	1
Temple	5	7	7	7	7	1	7
West Virginia	1	4	1	1	2	3	3

**BIG TEN**



Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Illinois	2	10	4	11	11	4	11
Indiana	8	7	9	7	10	11	9
Iowa	10	5	8	6	2	1	4
Michigan	3	6	1	3	3	3	1
Michigan State	7	9	3	9	5	8	6
Minnesota	11	1	7	2	9	5	7
Northwestern	6	8	10	5	7	9	10
Ohio State	5	3	6	4	4	2	3
Penn State	9	11	11	10	8	10	5
Purdue	1	4	5	8	6	7	8
Wisconsin	4	2	2	1	1	6	2

**CONFERENCE USA**



Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Army	10	10	6	11	10	11	10
Cincinnati	6	6	9	5	4	2	7
East Carolina	8	3	11	10	11	4	9
Houston	2	4	8	8	6	6	6
Louisville	1	5	1	2	1	5	4
Memphis	4	2	5	4	9	10	1
South Florida	9	9	10	7	3	9	11
Southern Miss	5	7	4	3	2	3	8
TCU	3	1	3	1	8	7	2
Tulane	11	11	2	6	7	8	3
UAB	7	8	7	9	5	1	5

ACC: Brad Schloss; Big Twelve: Chris Covatta; Big East: Brad Schloss;  
Big Ten: Brian Ebner; C-USA: Scott Boehm



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Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Akron	1	10	10	6	9	5	9
Ball State	13	11	6	9	7	12	8
Bowling Green	5	1	5	2	2	10	5
Buffalo	12	8	11	10	13	14	14
Central Michigan	14	4	12	4	11	4	13
Eastern Michigan	10	9	9	12	8	7	10
Kent State	11	14	14	11	14	11	12
Marshall	3	2	2	3	1	9	3
Miami	6	7	4	5	3	2	1
Northern Illinois	4	6	7	7	5	8	2
Ohio	9	5	13	8	4	6	4
Toledo	2	3	1	1	10	3	6
UCF	8	12	8	13	12	1	7
Western Michigan	7	13	3	14	6	13	11

**Mountain West**

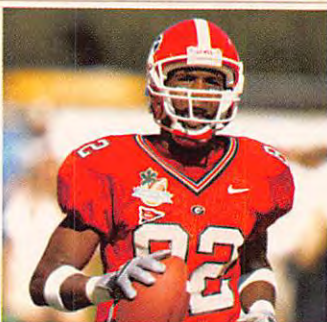


Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Air Force	8	3	7	8	7	5	8
BYU	4	6	5	7	2	7	3
Colorado State	5	4	3	2	6	6	6
New Mexico	6	1	8	1	5	8	5
San Diego State	3	2	2	3	3	1	4
UNLV	2	5	4	5	8	2	1
Utah	1	7	1	4	1	4	2
Wyoming	7	8	6	6	4	3	7



Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Arizona	9	3	5	4	5	8	7
Arizona State	3	2	4	8	7	4	5
California	2	4	1	6	4	3	2
Oregon	4	5	7	1	2	9	6
Oregon State	5	10	10	3	3	7	1
Stanford	10	7	8	10	8	5	3
UCLA	8	9	2	7	10	2	9
USC	1	1	3	2	1	1	4
Washington	7	6	6	9	6	10	8
Washington State	6	8	9	5	9	6	10

**SEC**



Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Alabama	4	7	12	8	5	5	4
Arkansas	5	8	10	10	11	10	12
Auburn	6	1	6	6	8	8	2
Florida	2	6	8	5	6	3	8
Georgia	1	4	1	1	3	2	7
Kentucky	11	12	11	12	7	6	3
LSU	8	3	3	2	1	4	1
Mississippi State	12	11	9	11	12	12	11
Ole Miss	9	10	5	4	10	11	5
South Carolina	7	5	7	3	2	7	9
Tennessee	10	2	2	7	4	1	6
Vanderbilt	3	9	4	9	9	9	10



Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Arkansas State	7	6	6	5	6	6	9
Idaho	8	9	2	7	8	5	5
Middle Tennessee	4	5	1	4	4	2	8
New Mexico State	2	4	9	3	1	1	4
North Texas	1	1	3	1	2	7	1
Troy State	9	3	4	2	3	3	2
UL Lafayette	6	7	5	6	9	9	3
UL Monroe	5	2	7	8	7	8	7
Utah State	3	8	8	9	5	4	6

**WAC**



Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Boise State	8	9	3	5	2	1	3
Fresno State	2	1	5	2	1	4	2
Hawaii	3	8	1	3	7	7	9
Louisiana Tech	7	2	8	4	6	5	5
Nevada	4	4	4	1	3	6	7
Rice	9	5	9	7	8	10	6
San Jose State	10	6	10	10	9	9	10
SMU	6	10	7	9	5	8	8
Tulsa	1	7	2	6	10	2	1
UTEP	5	3	6	8	4	3	4

MAC: Toledo SID; Mountain West: Josh Brown; Pac-10: Bruce Schwartzman;  
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# Defense

Larry Smith

**E**very Saturday all across America, visiting teams struggle to successfully call plays or audible at the line of scrimmage. Opposing coaches are forced into wasting time-outs, quarterbacks have miscommunications with their receivers, and delay of game penalties are called, all because of the fans. Not only does the crowd serve as a distraction for the visiting team, but more importantly, fans can also be the driving force in a

come-from-behind win or long touchdown run. With anywhere from 50,000 to 100,000 fans cheering, players and coaches are inevitably motivated to run faster, hit harder and do whatever it takes to defend their home field.

Since 1990, four schools have defended their home turf better than anyone else. This season, the Oklahoma Sooners will dig in to continue their impressive march under coach Bob Stoops.

## 1999-present Oklahoma Sooners

Memorial Stadium – Norman, Okla.

30–1 under Coach Bob Stoops

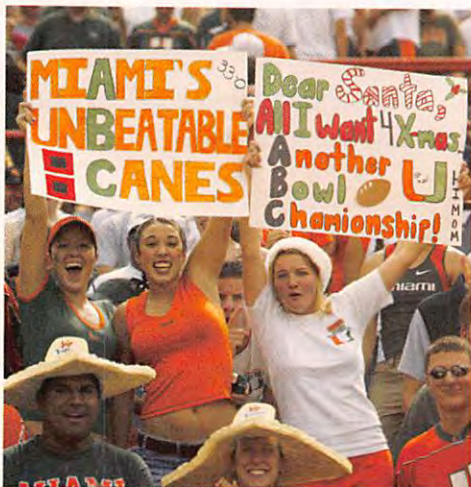
After serving as Steve Spurrier's defensive coordinator at Florida, Sooners' coach Bob Stoops knew a little something about defending his home field. But now, he may know even more than his "ole boss" Spurrier. Last season, 1,057,631 fans attended the Sooners' 14 games. Stoops' club even set attendance records at three different facilities, including Colorado's Folsom Field and the Louisiana Superdome. But it was at OU's own Memorial Stadium where the Sooners made the most magic. Against in-state rival Oklahoma State, a record 84,027 fans attended the 52–9 blowout.

## 1999–2003 Miami Hurricanes

Orange Bowl – Miami, Fla.

26 straight home wins from '99–'03 (ended by Tennessee, 10–6, Nov. 8, 2003)

At the turn of the millennium, the Hurricanes dominated the Orange Bowl with help from the 20 NFL first-round draft picks who took part in the 26-game home win-streak. When coach Larry Coker took over the program in 2001, he also inherited a 10-game home win-streak from outgoing coach Butch Davis. Coker added 16 games to the streak, which was ended last season by the Tennessee Volunteers. The only touchdown of that game was scored by the Vols on fourth down and goal at the end of the first half.



Allen Kae

## 1991–2002 Nebraska Cornhuskers

Memorial Stadium – Lincoln, Neb.

73–1 home record from Sept. 21, 1991 to Oct. 12, 2002

47 straight home wins from '91–'98 (ended by Texas, 20–16, Oct. 31, 1998)

26 straight home wins from '98–'02 (ended by Texas, 27–24, Nov. 2, 2002)

"Courage; Generosity; Fairness; Honor; In these are the true awards of manly sports." These are the words inscribed on Memorial Stadium's northwest corner. Not only did Hall of Fame coach Tom Osborne fulfill these goals, but he also added a new award to the list, "Winning."

In the time between a 36–21 home loss to the Washington Huskies on Sept. 21, 1991 and a 27–24 home loss to the Texas Longhorns on Nov. 2, 2002, Osborne and his successor, Frank Solich, combined to go 73–1 at Memorial Stadium. Osborne carried a 42-game home win-streak between 1991 and 1997. During that stretch, the legendary coach had three undefeated national championship seasons ('94, '95, '97).

After Solich replaced Osborne in 1997, the Huskers went on to win seven straight before falling to Texas in 1998. After that, however, Solich started a new home win-streak of his own. He won 26-straight between 1998 and 2002 before the Longhorns came to Memorial Stadium to end yet another Nebraska home win-streak.

## 1990–1999 Florida Gators

"The Swamp" Ben Hill Griffin Stadium at Florida Field – Gainesville, Fla.

57–4 overall (33–2 vs. SEC) during the 1990s

31 straight home wins from '94–'99 (ended by Alabama, 40–39 in OT, Oct. 2, 1999)

23 straight home wins from '90–'93 (ended by Florida State, 33–21, Nov. 27, 1993)

For Gators fans and Gainesville natives, the 1990s will forever be remembered as a decade of home-field domination. "The Swamp" was the territory of everyone's favorite "ole ball coach," Steve Spurrier, and his "Fun 'n' Gun" offensive attack. The Gators lost only four times there during the '90s: twice to eventual National Champion Florida State (33–21 in 1993 and 30–23 in 1999), once to Auburn (36–33 in 1994), and once to Alabama (40–39 in overtime in 1999). The losses to Auburn and Alabama were the only two SEC losses suffered at "The Swamp" during a decade that saw Spurrier's Gators win five SEC Championships, including four in a row from 1993–96.



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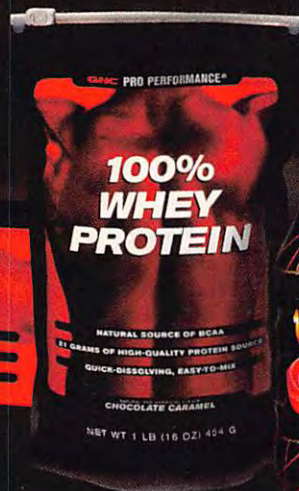


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In fact, you can read all about it in the pages of this magazine. If you think about it, have you ever heard a team claim to be smaller, slower and weaker than it was the year before?

"Players that used to be 210 are now 240, guys that used to be 240 are now 270 and ones that used to be 270 are now 310," says Jim Lathrop, strength and conditioning coordinator at Purdue. "And with the increased size, comes strength and speed."

From West Lafayette to Waco, and Baton Rouge to Boca Raton, strength coaches combine age-old common sense with new-age science to mold young men into elite athletes. But the task is arduous. Years can pass before February's prized recruits are prepared for the rigors of an afternoon of college football.

"We don't get a lot of guys who come to us ready to compete in the Big Ten right out of the box," says Lathrop. "It's a process and it's difficult to do."

Among other tasks, the process includes weight training, speed and agility training, conditioning, diet, discipline and strict compliance with rules regarding substances that are either banned or restricted by the NCAA. Having evolved over time, the NCAA mandates are designed to protect the health of ath-

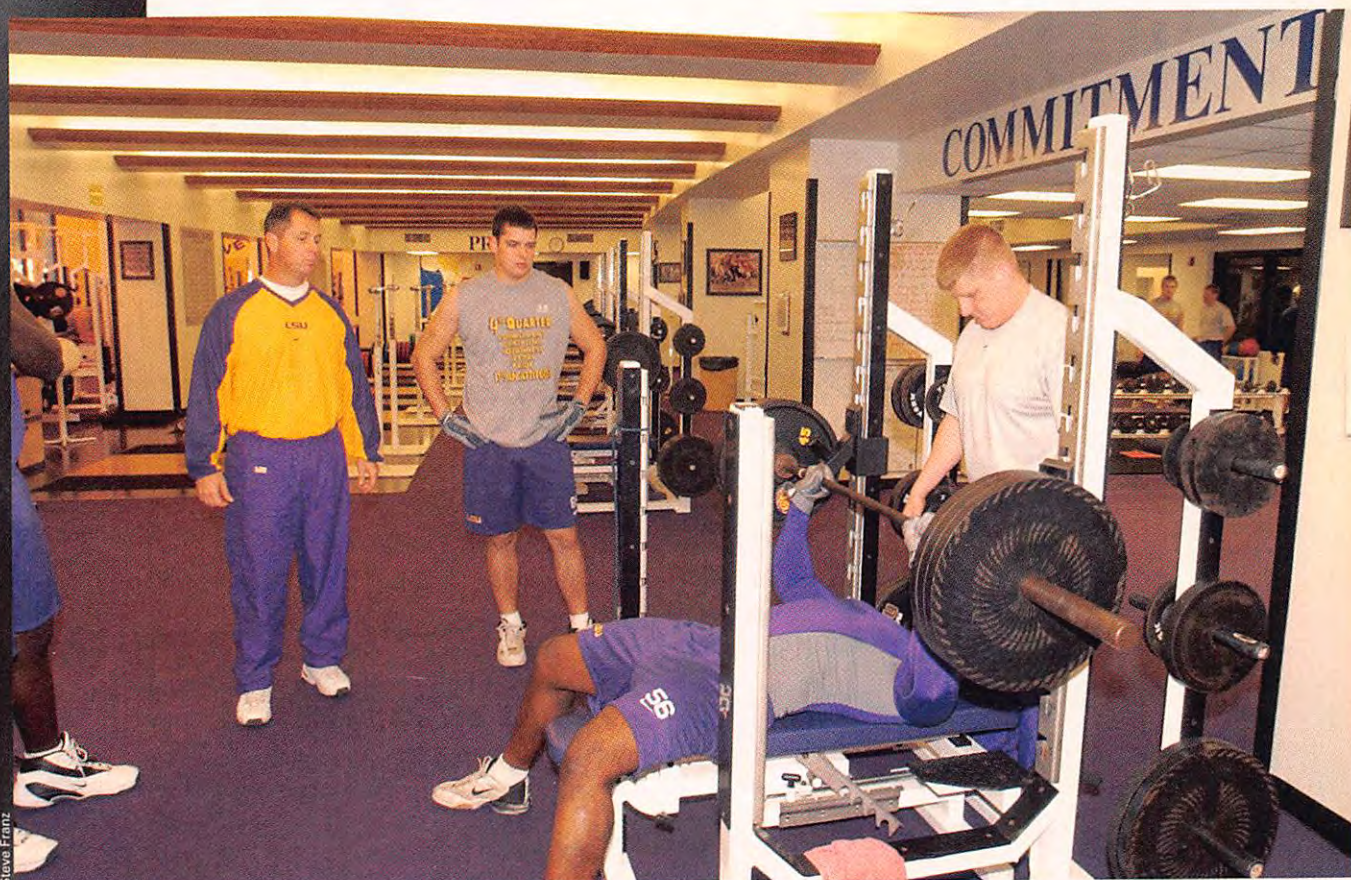
letes, and to prevent them from acquiring an artificial competitive advantage through the use of performance-enhancing drugs or substances.

The strength coach, in cooperation with the training and medical staffs, monitors and supervises the aforementioned activities. The job can be dicey since human resources vary from school-to-school, and no staff, regardless of its size, can monitor the activities of some 100 college athletes over the course of a typical day.

Under the direction of Tom Moffitt, LSU employs six full-time strength coaches, three graduate assistants and five interns who oversee all varsity sports. Each staff member is responsible for at least two sports, but all 14 work with the Tigers' national champion football team. On the other hand, Florida Atlantic, which is in the process of moving from I-AA to I-A, has only two strength coaches who work with football.

"What really affects performance is what (the players) do during the time they're outside our supervision," says FAU assistant strength and conditioning coach Joe Corozza.

"Nutrition is really common sense but some kids coming out of high school have never had a performance diet before and, frankly, in some cases they haven't had access to so much quality food before. So there's an education process and discipline that go along with establishing proper dietary habits."



LSU's Tom Moffitt (left) believes in pushing players to get faster and stronger during the season, not just in the off-season.



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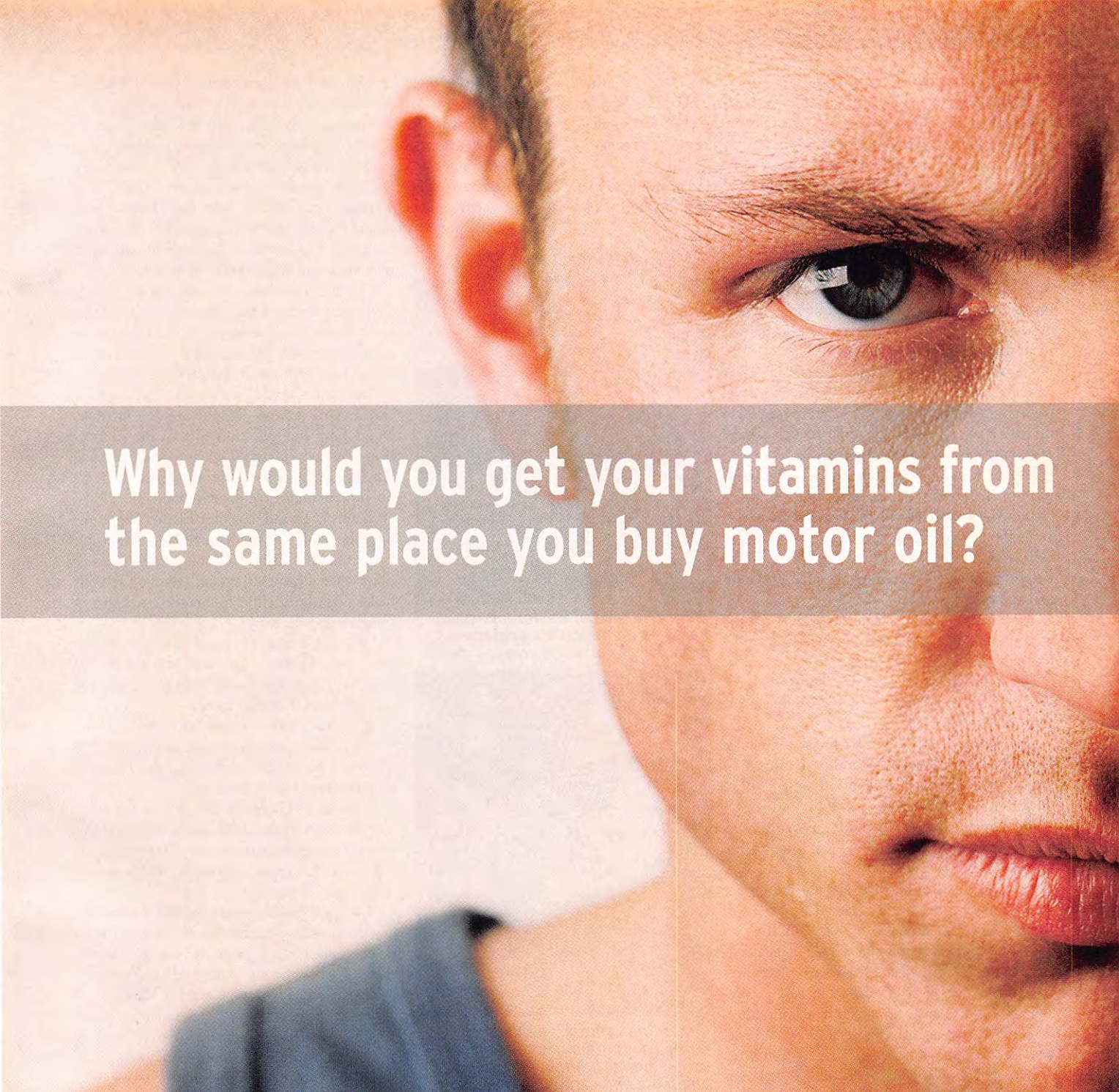
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LSU's training table is outsourced to a private firm. "The only time we control what the guys eat is when we're on the road," says Moffitt. "We counsel them about proper diet. Basically, we tell them not to eat at any place where there is a drive-thru window and to eat food that's as close to its natural form as possible."

Typically, skill position players will consume more than 3,000 calories per day while some linemen who are in the process of adding weight might require nearly 7,000 calories per day.

At Baylor, strength coach John Williams subscribes to the "old school" approach. "Our kids get three square meals plus a couple of snacks, and by snacks I mean fruits and raw vegetables," he said. "If an athlete needs additional calories, he gets them from the same sources."

To one degree or another, practically every school utilizes supplements to help players recover from competition and workouts, and to help fill in the gaps if they are not consuming enough calories or specific nutrients at the training table.

Supplements — which generally come in the form of shakes, snack bars, beverages and multivitamins — are often mass-marketed and available at major grocery stores and health food stores, such as GNC. Some are designed to promote weight gain while others provide additional protein and carbohydrates.

"Our supplemental program is a joint venture with the training staff," says Purdue's Lathrop. "I tell them whether a guy needs to gain or lose weight and they handle the distribution. We use meal supplements, high weight gain supplements and carb supplements."

"Electrolyte drinks and carb drinks are available before and after practice. We also go back-and-forth between products depending on the flavor so the kids have some variety."

But Williams is quick to point out that supplements have a very specific role in the overall strength program.

"Supplements are just that; they do not replace the main meals," he says. "I'm not a big advocate of them. They're not regulated by the FDA and you don't want your kids putting something in their bodies without knowing what the long-term effects are."

Williams does keep an assortment of supplemental products in stock, including a liquid multivitamin that each player receives prior to each practice. It's a one-ounce dose, taken straight up.

However, supplements are a tricky component of the training regimen that coaches monitor closely. While there is no restriction on carbs, NCAA rules limit protein content of supplemental products to 30 percent. When new products are considered, it is customary for the strength coach to report them to his school's compliance officer who in turn seeks approval from the NCAA.

In addition, coaches advise players to consume only supplements that are distributed by their universities, as a number of products available through retail outlets contain substances banned by the NCAA.

The actual process of gaining strength takes place in weight rooms across the country where athletes power clean, squat and bench press year-round. But there are different objectives at different times of the year and separate programs for in-season and off-season training.

In most cases, head coaches and position coaches will tell the strength and conditioning staff what they want from each individual player. This involves some give-and-take between the two sides, but ultimately it is up to the athlete to execute the work required to reach their goals.

At Florida Atlantic, Corozza says that coach Howard Schnellenberger "is demanding but not unrealistic. If a receiver is 175 and he wants him at 195, we'll work toward that goal. But if he can't hold the weight or improve his performance, we won't pursue it. We want to make sure that there is strength gain along with the weight gain. He also likes lean linemen. We have a couple of 300-pounders but most are about 280."

Time management is critical since NCAA rules limit teams to 20 hours of practice per week and one day off. Purdue coach Joe Tiller sends his entire travel squad to Lathrop for two hours each week and all others for three hours.

"In the off-season, our concentration is on developing stronger, more powerful, more explosive athletes," says Lathrop. "In season the focus is on putting the product on the field, but we still put an emphasis on maintaining strength."

"We lift on Sunday as a means of getting back and moving around. Weight training increases blood flow and gets nutrients to the muscles being worked. In games, when the adrenaline is flowing, an injury won't always present itself. It's often more noticeable the day after."

While LSU and Baylor currently reside on opposite ends of the competitive spectrum, Moffitt and Williams do have similar philosophies when it comes to strength training, as both make a concerted effort to increase strength and speed during the season.

"We push the envelope and we're very aggressive," says Moffitt. "Last year we had several players set personal records during the week of our last (regular season) game."

"It all starts with (coach) Nick Saban. He's the commissioner, owner and general manager. He tells me what we can and cannot do. Basically, we train hard, but we train smart."

Williams had been on the staff for just a few months when Baylor hired Guy Morriss as head coach. But the two saw eye-to-eye from the start. "We have a common philosophy which is hard work," says Williams.

"During the season we cut back on volume. We do enough to keep healthy but we still try to make steady gains. Out of season, we increase the volume and work on agility and speed development."

To a man, Lathrop, Corozza, Moffitt and Williams expressed "zero tolerance" policies regarding the use of anabolic steroids such as androstenedione and noradrostenedione. Each school provides drug and alcohol education for its athletes, with LSU's being the most comprehensive and specialized.

"As far as performance enhancement drugs, we have no tolerance," says Corozza. "It's not part of what we do."

Lathrop takes a particularly harsh stance against alcohol. "It's a real drawback on development if someone drinks a lot," he says. "Generally speaking, the kids adhere to what we tell them, but it's hard to be 100 percent, especially with alcohol since it's so prevalent on college campuses."

Williams and Moffitt discuss drug issues with their players on a personal level. "We have a Peer Intervention Group and a full-time psychologist, but I talk to them like they're a brother or a son," says Moffitt. "We don't have a problem here. It's something that coach Saban takes seriously."

"Anybody can put together a program but the players have to trust you and they have to know you have their best interest at heart," says Williams. "If they trust you, they will come to you if there is a problem. They have to know that you care about them beyond football."



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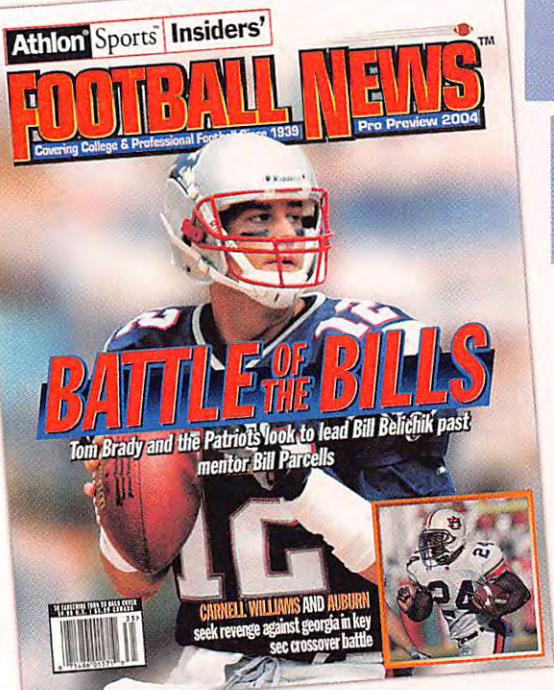
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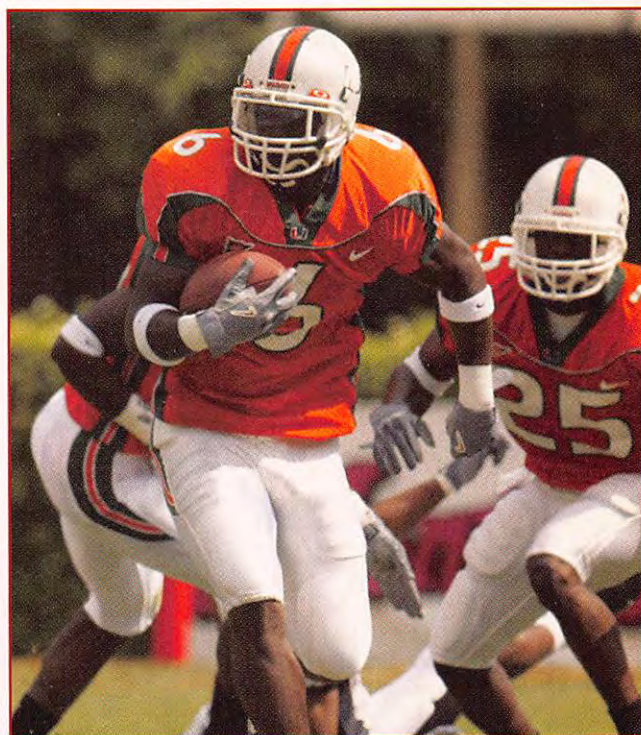
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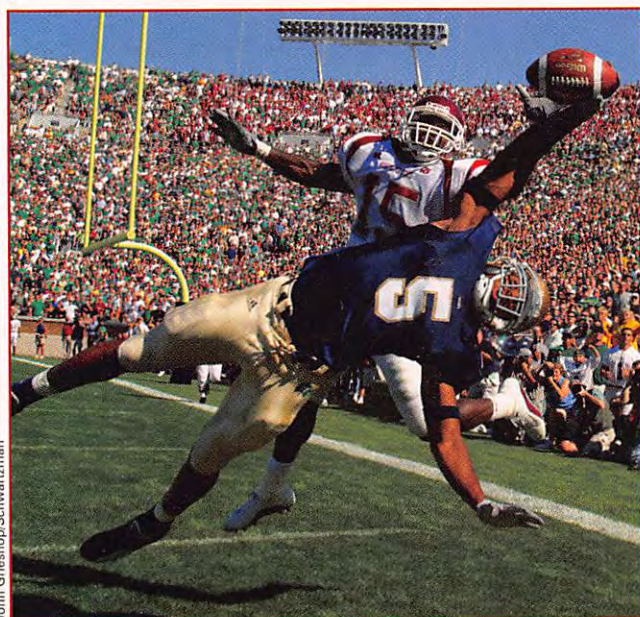


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**R**ule No. 1 when predicting the Big Ten football race: When no team clearly stands out, it always makes sense to choose between traditional powers Michigan and Ohio State.

This is one of those seasons because all 11 teams have some glaring weaknesses — or at least questions that need answered.

Michigan has to replace quarterback John Navarre, the school's all-time leading passer and a three-year starter, as well as tailback Chris Perry, who led the Big Ten in rushing last season. But the Wolverines still have a slight edge over Ohio State because they reload as well as any team in the country, and they boast the best group of receivers, and perhaps the best secondary, in the conference.

Ohio State is loaded with speedy playmakers and talented linebackers and defensive backs, but its offensive line and defensive line consist mostly of unproven players. And like Michigan, the Buckeyes will be breaking in a new quarterback this fall.

Iowa welcomes back seven starters from a solid defensive unit, but only two starters return on offense. All-America kicker Nate Kaeding and offensive lineman Robert Gallery, who won the 2003 Outland Trophy, have moved on to the NFL.

Wisconsin appears ready to rejoin the Big Ten's upper echelon after suffering through four straight non-winning league seasons. The Badgers do have issues at quarterback, but they welcome back tailback Anthony Davis, along with eight other offensive starters.

Minnesota will be breaking in a new quarterback, but the Gophers' new signal-caller won't be asked to do much more than hand the ball off to tailbacks Marion Barber III and Laurence Maroney.

Purdue has built a solid foundation under coach Joe Tiller, but it still won't be easy to replace star players such as safety Stuart Schweigert, receiver John Standeford, defensive end Shaun Phillips, linebackers Niko Koutouvides and Landon Johnson and offensive lineman Kelly Butler. The Boilermakers will lean heavily on an offense that features a trio of all-conference playmakers — quarterback Kyle Orton, tailback Jerod Void and receiver Taylor Stubblefield.

Penn State also has its share of questions marks, but the Nittany Lions do have a proven quarterback in senior Zack Mills and a promising running back in sophomore Austin Scott. The Nittany Lions also are just one of five teams with a returning starting quarterback. The others are Purdue (Orton), Northwestern (Bret Basanez), Illinois (Jon Beutjer) and Indiana (Matt LoVecchio).

## Two-Headed Monster

To say that Minnesota is loaded at tailback would be an understatement.

If junior Marion Barber III isn't the best running back in the Big Ten, sophomore Laurence Maroney might be. They both rushed for over 1,000 yards last



Chris Covatta

Michigan linebacker Pierre Woods

## Returning Big Ten Leaders

**Passing:** Kyle Orton, PU, 414-251-2885-7, 15 TDs  
**Rushing:** Marion Barber III, Minn., 207 car, 1,196 yds., 17 TDs  
**Receiving:** Taylor Stubblefield, PU, 86 rec., 835 yds., 3 TDs  
**Scoring:** Ben Jones, PU, 25 FGs, 36 PATs, 111 pts.  
**Punting:** Brandon Fields, MSU, 62 punts, 46.4 avg.  
**Kicking:** Ben Jones, PU, 25-30 FGs, 36-37 PATs, 111 pts.  
**Tackles:** Abdul Hodge, Iowa, 141, 83 solo  
**Tackles for a loss:** Anttaj Hawthorne, UW, 20 for 54 yds.  
**Sacks:** Matt Roth, Iowa, 11.5 for 83 yds.  
**Interceptions:** Jim Leonhard, UW, 7 for 98 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** DeAndra Cobb, MSU, 28 ret., 27.2 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Marion Barber III, Minn., 28 ret., 14.5 avg.

## 2003 Big Ten Standings

Team	Conference	Overall
Michigan	7-1	10-3
Ohio State	6-2	11-2
Purdue	6-2	9-4
Minnesota	5-3	10-3
Iowa	5-3	10-3
Michigan State	5-3	8-5
Wisconsin	4-4	7-6
Northwestern	4-4	6-7
Penn State	1-7	3-9
Indiana	1-7	2-10
Illinois	0-8	1-11

## Projected Order of Finish

1. Michigan



2. Ohio State



3. Iowa



4. Wisconsin



5. Minnesota



6. Purdue



7. Penn State



8. Michigan State



9. Northwestern



10. Indiana



11. Illinois





# Big Ten Conference



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## Minnesota tailback Laurence Maroney

season — becoming the 30th pair of teammates in NCAA history to do so — and their presence should help ease the Gophers' transition at quarterback.

Barber broke the school record with 17 rushing touchdowns last season and tied the school record with seven 100-yard games. Maroney came out of nowhere as a true freshman to rush for 1,121 yards — the most by any freshman in the nation — and averaged an amazing 6.9 yards per carry. He rushed for 130 yards or more in four of Minnesota's final five games, including a 131-yard, 15-carry effort in a Sun Bowl victory over Oregon.

The Gophers are so loaded in the backfield that Terry Jackson II, who rushed for 1,000 yards two years ago, transferred to Division I-AA Southern Illinois.

## A Family Affair

After seeing his program investigated for alleged recruiting violations, and in light of the ongoing scandal at Colorado, Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz would like to see recruiting become a family affair.

Ferentz wants a rule change that would allow for a parent or guardian to accompany their son on a recruiting trip without having to pay for the cost of transportation. Ferentz said cutting the number of official visits from five to four or three would be a way to pay for the increase in travel expense. "I think it would be real advantageous if a parent could go," Ferentz says. "I know as a parent that I would want to go with my son or daughter if they were a student-athlete."

## Renovations

Nearly every Big Ten school has gone through some kind of stadium renovation during the past five years.

Iowa became the latest to join the arms race when the state Board of Regents in March approved a project that will cost just under \$90 million. Wisconsin also has launched a massive renovation project while Purdue just recently spent around \$70 million to upgrade Ross-Ade Stadium.

## 2003 Big Ten Quoteboard

"We're kind of a 'Seabiscuit' team. We've got an owner that doesn't know a hell of a lot about racing or horses, and that'd be me, right? We're definitely not a 'War Admiral' ballclub. But that's OK."

— Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz.

"I'm just kind of in a state of mind where I'm real excited, but I've got to keep my cool right now. A lot of guys went 0-3 against them over the last three years. To get a 'W' is just tremendous."

— Former Purdue linebacker Niko Koutouvides, on defeating Notre Dame last season.

"The Little Brown Jug is not just another trophy. It may be to some people who don't compete for it, but that trophy is special. To come back like we did, when it appeared that our chances of winning were slim, those are memories these guys are going to have for the rest of their life."

— Michigan coach Lloyd Carr, on his team's come-from-behind victory at Minnesota.

"I don't think many (of our) guys got (recruiting) letters from them. Our guys just aren't the type of players they have. They're big-time recruits and big-time players. But I think heart and effort makes up for the lack of talent that we may have. And I'd rather play with the guys on my team than theirs."

— Iowa offensive lineman Robert Gallery, after defeating Michigan for the second year in a row.

"The guy's an idiot. He was stupid about it, but I think he'll learn."

— Iowa defensive end Matt Roth, after Ohio State linebacker Robert Reynolds choked Wisconsin quarterback Jim Sorgi.

"The good news is that we've got our placekicker and punter back. The bad news is we've got our placekicker and punter back."

— Purdue coach Joe Tiller, at the 2003 Big Ten Kickoff Luncheon.

"We are blessed as football coaches, so there comes a certain responsibility as a coach these days. So you had better cherish it and accept the responsibility."

— Michigan State coach John L. Smith, speaking about the conduct of coaches.

"I was in such a horrible situation that I think any person would just leave."

— Illinois quarterback Jon Beutjer, on why he transferred from Iowa.

## Show it Again

This season, the Big Ten will experiment with instant replay on a limited basis for the first time. Rulings on fumbles, ball placements and other possession-related matters may be overturned, but not penalties.

Unlike the NFL, however, reviews will not be initiated by coaches. An extra official will follow the action on a TV monitor in a booth above the field. The extra official will notify the crew chief to temporarily halt play when calls are being reviewed.

## Familiar Foe

Mark Dantonio won't have to wait long to face his former school.

Dantonio, 48, was hired in late December as the new head coach at Cincinnati. The Bearcats will play their Big Ten opener at Ohio State, where Dantonio served as defensive coordinator under Jim Tressel for the past three seasons.

Dantonio replaced Rick Minter, who was fired in December after posting a 53-63-1 record over 10 seasons. "We plan to be here for a very long time," Dantonio told the *Cincinnati Enquirer*. "I'm getting of the age where I don't have any moves left in me."



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# Big Ten Conference

## 2004 Predictions

Once again Iowa will finish in the upper division of the Big Ten and head coach Kirk Ferentz will continue to have his name mentioned for NFL jobs.

Penn State will continue to flounder in the middle of the Big Ten pack, increasing speculation that legendary coach Joe Paterno will step down. Paterno, however, will be back on the sidelines in 2005.

Minnesota will lead the Big Ten in rushing for the second year in a row.

Wisconsin coach/athletic director Barry Alvarez will retire from coaching after the season.

Illinois and Indiana will battle to stay out of last place in the conference.

Illinois quarterback Jon Beutjer, who began his career in Iowa City, will miss the Iowa game for the second year in a row because of an injury.

Michigan receiver/return specialist Steve Breaston will emerge as an early Heisman Trophy candidate before fading at the end.

Notre Dame will finish 1-2 against Big Ten opponents in 2004. The Irish will lose to Michigan and split with Michigan State and Purdue.

Neither Michigan nor Ohio State will have a 1,000-yard rusher.

## 2003 Big Ten Bowl Results

**Motor City Bowl • Dec. 26 • Pontiac, Mich.**  
Bowling Green 28, Northwestern 24

**Alamo Bowl • Dec. 29 • San Antonio, Texas**  
Nebraska 17, Michigan State 3

**Music City Bowl • Dec. 31 • Nashville, Tenn.**  
Auburn 28, Wisconsin 14

**Sun Bowl • Dec. 31 • El Paso, Texas**  
Minnesota 31, Oregon 30

**Outback Bowl • Jan. 1 • Tampa, Fla.**  
Iowa 37, Florida 17

**Capital One Bowl • Jan. 1 • Orlando, Fla.**  
Georgia 34, Purdue 27 (ot)

**Rose Bowl • Jan. 1 • Pasadena, Calif.**  
USC 28, Michigan 14

**Fiesta Bowl • Jan. 2 • Tempe, Ariz.**  
Ohio State 35, Kansas State 28

## Key Games

**Sept. 4 Cincinnati at Ohio State**

Former Buckeye D.C. Mark Dantonio returns to Columbus.

**Sept. 11 Michigan at Notre Dame**

Can Irish atone for 2003 debacle in Ann Arbor? Not likely.

**Sept. 18 Ohio State at North Carolina State**

Buckeyes will have a chance to make an early statement.

**Sept. 25 Iowa at Michigan**

Iowa has never defeated Michigan three times in a row.

**Sept. 25 Penn State at Wisconsin**

The Nittany Lions need a big win on the road.

**Oct. 2 Purdue at Notre Dame**

Tyrone Willingham can't afford to lose this game again.

**Oct. 9 Wisconsin at Ohio State**

Badgers could emerge as league contenders.

**Oct. 9 Minnesota at Michigan**

Can Gophers pick up a marquee road win?

**Oct. 16 Ohio State at Iowa**

The Buckeyes rarely lose in Iowa City.

**Oct. 23 Iowa at Penn State**

The Nittany Lions have lost the last four to Hawkeyes.

**Oct. 30 Michigan State at Michigan**

Bragging rights on the line at the Big House.

**Nov. 6 Indiana at Illinois**

The loser could be the 11th team in the Big Ten.

**Nov. 20 Indiana at Purdue**

The Boilermakers might be vulnerable on defense.

**Nov. 20 Michigan at Ohio State**

The Big Ten title will likely be on the line.

## The Big Ten Athlon Awards



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## 2004 Preseason All-Big Ten Team

### Offense

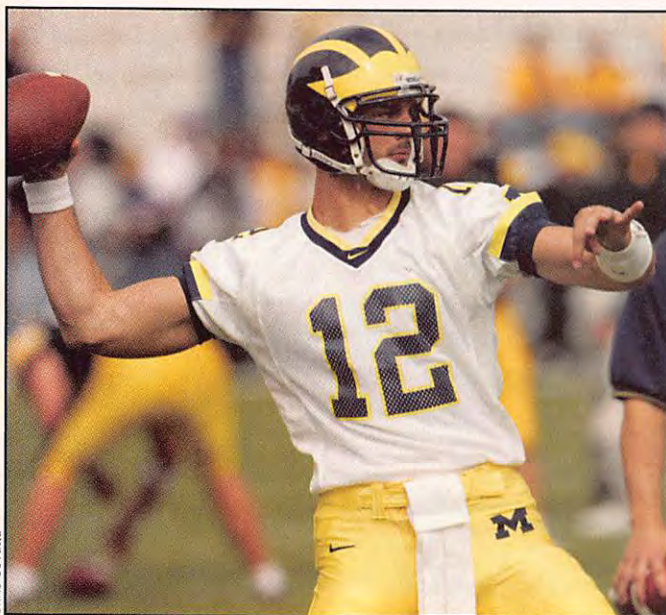
QB	Kyle Orton	6'4"	220	Sr.	Purdue	Blessed with an NFL arm — and a system he thrives in.
RB	Anthony Davis	5'8"	194	Sr.	Wisconsin	Not as flashy as some backs but just as effective.
RB	Laurence Maroney	5'11"	200	So.	Minnesota	Explosive back will share carries with Marion Barber III.
WR	Braylon Edwards	6'3"	206	Sr.	Michigan	The leader of the nation's finest corps of receivers.
WR	Taylor Stubblefield	6'1"	172	Sr.	Purdue	A pass-catching machine who led the league with 86 grabs.
TE	Tyler Ecker	6'6"	249	So.	Michigan	Showed star potential at times last season.
OL	David Baas	6'5"	307	Sr.	Michigan	Veteran has been a fixture on the Wolverines' line.
OL	Dan Buenning	6'4"	313	Sr.	Wisconsin	Anthony Davis would be smart to run behind this giant.
OL	Greg Eslinger	6'3"	285	Jr.	Minnesota	Wasn't highly recruited, but among the nation's top centers.
OL	Peter McMahon	6'7"	333	Sr.	Iowa	Kirk Ferentz calls his next star-in-the-making "Silent Rage."
OL	Rian Melander	6'7"	295	Sr.	Minnesota	Helped Gophers lead Big Ten in rushing last season.

### Defense

DL	Clifford Dukes	6'3"	257	Sr.	Michigan State	One of the league's most improved defenders last season.
DL	Simon Fraser	6'6"	265	Sr.	Ohio State	The last man standing on the Buckeyes' ferocious D-line.
DL	Anttaj Hawthorne	6'3"	312	Sr.	Wisconsin	Big Badger is the Big Ten's best defensive tackle.
DL	Matt Roth	6'4"	270	Sr.	Iowa	A crazed pass rusher who seems to hate quarterbacks.
LB	Chad Greenway	6'4"	239	Jr.	Iowa	Perhaps the most athletic linebacker to play at Iowa in years.
LB	A.J. Hawk	6'2"	230	Jr.	Ohio State	Fiesta Bowl MVP always seems to be around the football.
LB	Abdul Hodge	6'2"	232	Jr.	Iowa	Led Big Ten with 141 tackles last season.
DB	Dustin Fox	6'0"	190	Sr.	Ohio State	Tough against both the run and the pass.
DB	Marlin Jackson	6'1"	199	Sr.	Michigan	Best cover man in Big Ten came back for one more tour of duty.
DB	Jim Leonhard	5'8"	183	Sr.	Wisconsin	Diminutive safety has a knack for making big plays.
DB	Ernest Shazor	6'4"	226	Jr.	Michigan	Plays the safety position like a linebacker.

### Specialists

K	Mike Nugent	5'10"	170	Sr.	Ohio State	Steady and reliable. A finalist for the Groza Award last season.
P	Brandon Fields	6'6"	233	So.	Michigan State	Led Big Ten last season with a 46.3-yard average.
KR	DeAndra Cobb	5'10"	191	Sr.	Michigan State	One of the nation's premier special teamers.
PR	Steve Breaston	6'1"	181	So.	Michigan	Can change the game with his ability to bring back punts.



Michigan quarterback Matt Gutierrez

## Big Shoes to Fill

### Lee Gray, Iowa, OT

A former defensive tackle, Gray must replace Robert Gallery at the all-important left tackle spot.

### Justin Zwick, Ohio State, QB

Buckeye fans have been waiting for Zwick to take over for the steady Craig Krenzel. Be careful what you wish for.

### Matt Gutierrez, Michigan, QB

John Navarre wasn't flashy, but he was one of the most productive Michigan quarterbacks ever.

### Drew Stanton, Michigan State, QB

Battling Stephen Reaves for the right to replace Jeff Smoker, the Big Ten's leading passer in 2003.

### Kyle Schlicher, Iowa, PK

Nate Kaeding was one of the Big Ten's best ever.



## All-Big Ten Second Team

### Offense

QB	Zack Mills	6'3"	214	Sr.	Penn State
RB	Marion Barber III	5'11"	215	Jr.	Minnesota
RB	BenJarvus Green-Ellis	5'11"	220	So.	Indiana
WR	Jason Avant	6'1"	209	Jr.	Michigan
WR	Courtney Roby	6'0"	185	Sr.	Indiana
TE	Eric Knott	6'3"	254	Sr.	Michigan State
OL	Nick Mangold	6'4"	290	Jr.	Ohio State
OL	Mike Otto	6'5"	309	So.	Purdue
OL	Tyler Reed	6'4"	303	Jr.	Penn State
OL	Adam Stenavich	6'5"	313	Jr.	Michigan
OL	Zach Strief	6'7"	335	Jr.	Northwestern

### Defense

DL	Jon Babineaux	6'2"	287	Sr.	Iowa
DL	Loren Howard	6'4"	280	Jr.	Northwestern
DL	Darrell Reid	6'2"	280	Sr.	Minnesota
DL	LaMarr Woodley	6'2"	268	So.	Michigan
LB	Lawrence Reid	6'1"	219	Jr.	Michigan
LB	Ron Stanley	6'0"	232	Sr.	Michigan State
LB	Pierre Woods	6'5"	248	Jr.	Michigan
DB	Jovon Johnson	5'9"	177	Jr.	Iowa
DB	Herana-Daze Jones	5'11"	205	Sr.	Indiana
DB	Scott Starks	5'10"	176	Sr.	Wisconsin
DB	Alan Zemaitis	6'2"	194	Jr.	Penn State

### Specialists

K	Ben Jones	6'0"	215	Jr.	Purdue
P	Jeremy Kapinos	6'1"	229	So.	Penn State
KR	Laurence Maroney	5'11"	200	So.	Minnesota
PR	Marion Barber III	5'11"	215	Jr.	Minnesota

## All-Big Ten Third Team

### Offense

QB	Brett Basanez	6'2"	210	Jr.	Northwestern
RB	Austin Scott	6'0"	214	So.	Penn State
RB	Jerod Void	6'2"	212	Jr.	Purdue
WR	Steve Breaston	6'1"	181	So.	Michigan
WR	Santonio Holmes	5'11"	185	So.	Ohio State
TE	Tim Massaquoi	6'4"	249	Jr.	Michigan
OL	Jonathan Clinkscale	6'3"	304	Sr.	Wisconsin
OL	Adam Hines	6'2"	304	Jr.	Indiana
OL	Mike Jones	6'5"	304	So.	Iowa
OL	Matt Lentz	6'6"	316	Jr.	Michigan
OL	Chris Morris	6'4"	293	Jr.	Michigan State

### Defense

DL	Mike O'Brien	6'6"	225	Sr.	Illinois
DL	Brent Grover	6'4"	287	Jr.	Purdue
DL	Tamba Hali	6'3"	273	Jr.	Penn State
DL	Pat Massey	6'8"	276	Jr.	Michigan
LB	Terrance Campbell	6'2"	200	Jr.	Minnesota
LB	Matt Sinclair	6'3"	240	Sr.	Illinois
LB	Anthony Schlegel	6'2"	245	Jr.	Ohio State
DB	Markus Curry	5'11"	183	Sr.	Michigan
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PR	Jim Leonhard	5'8"	183	Sr.	Wisconsin

## 2004 Unit Rankings

Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB	Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Illinois	2	10	4	11	11	4	11	Northwestern	6	8	10	5	7	9	10
Indiana	8	7	9	7	10	11	9	Ohio State	5	3	6	4	4	2	3
Iowa	10	5	8	6	2	1	4	Penn State	9	11	11	10	8	10	5
Michigan	3	6	1	3	3	3	1	Purdue	1	4	5	8	6	7	8
Michigan State	7	9	3	9	5	8	6	Wisconsin	4	2	2	1	1	6	2
Minnesota	11	1	7	2	9	5	7								

## 2003 Big Ten Team Stats & Rankings

Score	Offense			Score	Defense		
	Rush	Pass	Total		Rush	Pass	Total
Illinois	16.9 (10)	110.7 (10)	229.7 (3)	340.3 (7)	33.2 (11)	223.4 (11)	202.3 (3)
Indiana	14.8 (11)	155.2 (6)	166.5 (9)	321.8 (10)	32.3 (10)	192.6 (9)	237.1 (9)
Iowa	28.7 (3)	172.4 (5)	161.2 (11)	333.5 (8)	16.2 (1)	92.7 (2)	221.8 (7)
Michigan	35.4 (2)	175.9 (4)	270.8 (1)	446.7 (2)	16.8 (2)	116.6 (4)	180.5 (2)
Michigan State	27.9 (4)	97.4 (11)	270.0 (2)	367.4 (6)	22.5 (7)	124.8 (6)	255.2 (11)
Minnesota	38.7 (1)	289.2 (1)	205.5 (7)	494.6 (1)	21.9 (6)	122.7 (5)	217.7 (6)
Northwestern	20.2 (8)	212.2 (2)	163.2 (10)	375.4 (4)	25.1 (9)	164.1 (8)	253.2 (10)
Ohio State	24.8 (7)	126.1 (8)	206.1 (6)	332.2 (9)	17.6 (4)	62.3 (1)	234.5 (8)
Penn State	19.4 (9)	122.0 (9)	191.3 (8)	313.3 (11)	21.2 (5)	209.1 (10)	153.3 (1)
Purdue	26.8 (6)	148.9 (7)	224.0 (4)	372.9 (5)	17.4 (3)	96.4 (3)	205.6 (4)
Wisconsin	27.3 (5)	177.0 (3)	217.9 (5)	394.9 (3)	23.5 (8)	142.0 (7)	213.4 (5)



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## Future Stars

**M**ichigan and Ohio State have been jockeying for supremacy in the league recruiting wars for some time, and this year was no different. The Wolverines have long been known for their beef along the line of scrimmage, and Michigan signed around 10 prospects whose future projects in the trenches. Along the defensive line, remember the names Mike Massey, Will Johnson and Tim Jamison. Offensively, Brett Gallimore, Alex Mitchell, Alan Branch and Jeremy Ciulla are all behemoths who know how to move defenders out of the way. Signal-caller Chad Henne, from historically quarterback-rich Pennsylvania, arrives in Ann Arbor with national acclaim and is a name to remember in the future.

The Buckeyes picked up perhaps the top cornerback prospect in the entire class in Ted Ginn Jr., who projects as an immediate contributor. Other standout defensive backs who jumped on board include Devon Lyons, Brandon Underwood and Shaun Lane. Ohio State coach Jim Tressel has to like the two tight ends he signed; both Rory Nicol and Chad Hoobler were coveted nationally. Lots of big, highly touted, offensive linemen are heading to Columbus. Kyle Mitchum, Ben Person, Steve Rehling and Jon Skinner will be counted on in the trenches to carry on the Buckeye tradition.

Every year, at least on prep star shocks the recruiting world with a reversal at the last minute. The surprise of 2004 belongs to quarterback Anthony Morelli, who had been committed to Pittsburgh for months

### Big Ten Recruiting

1. Michigan
2. Ohio State
3. Penn State
4. Michigan State
5. Purdue
6. Iowa
7. Wisconsin
8. Illinois
9. Indiana
10. Minnesota
11. Northwestern

but ended up signing with Joe Paterno and Penn State. Morelli, from Pittsburgh, was as highly touted a signal-caller as any in the nation and may just be the spark that Paterno needs to bring the luster back to State College. On the defensive side of the ball, Paterno landed numerous blue chippers, including linebacker Dan Conner, defensive tackle A.Q. Shipley, and defensive ends Tyrell Sales and Josh Gaines.

Hulking offensive tackle Roland Martin was easily the gem of the Michigan State class. He could be contributing in the fall. Spartan coach John L. Smith is known for having a high-powered offense, and signing quarterback Brian Hoyer should help the Spartans' cause in the future. Hoyer, who has big-time ability, should prosper under Smith. Tight ends as Kellen Freeman-Davis and Craig McGovern are also attention grabbers.

Other Big Ten teams prospered in recruiting. Purdue signed several standouts on both sides of the ball, including quarterback David Ramirez, tailbacks Kory

Sheets and Anthony Heygood, and defensive end Ryan Baker. Iowa signed linebacker Kyle Williams, who was one of the most highly rated players in the country. Defensive tackle Nick Hayden shunned most of the Midwest schools to sign with Wisconsin. Likewise for linebacker Sam Carson, who brings all-star credentials to Illinois.

A couple of other quarterbacks to watch for in the future are John Carlson and C.J. Bacher. Carlson inked with Minnesota and Bacher with Northwestern.

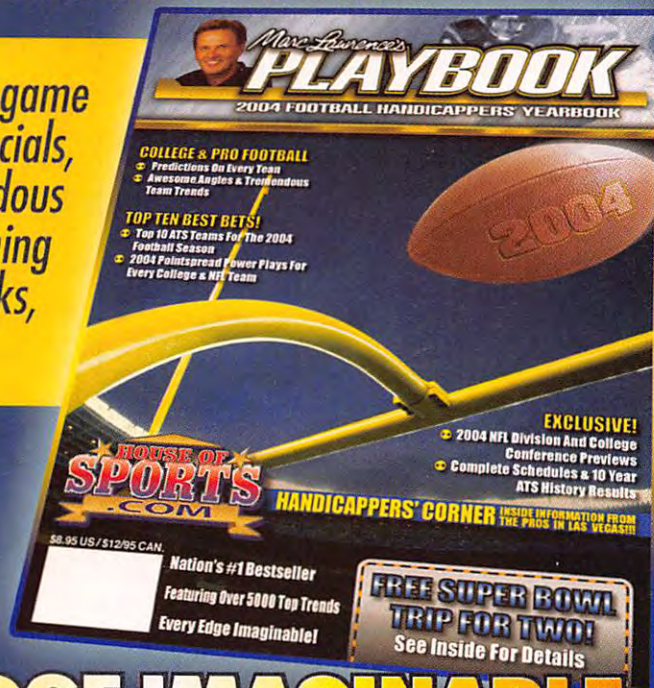
Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	School
1. Ted Ginn Jr.	DB	6'0"	175	Cleveland, OH	Ohio State
2. Dan Conner	LB	6'3"	220	Wallingford, PA	Penn State
3. Anthony Morelli	QB	6'4"	210	Pittsburgh, PA	Penn State
4. Chad Henne	QB	6'3"	215	Wyomissing, PA	Michigan
5. Kyle Williams	LB	6'2"	220	Bolingbrook, IL	Iowa
6. Greg Harrison	OL	6'5"	295	Shenandoah, PA	Penn State
7. Roland Martin	OL	6'6"	340	Chicago, IL	Michigan State
8. Kyle Mitchum	OL	6'6"	275	Erie, PA	Ohio State
9. Adrian Arrington	WR	6'2"	175	Cedar Rapids, IA	Michigan
10. Will Johnson	DL	6'4"	285	Oakland, MI	Michigan
11. Doug Dutch	WR	6'0"	190	Bowie, MD	Michigan
12. Tim Jamison	DL	6'3"	230	Riverdale, IL	Michigan
13. Rory Nicol	TE	6'5"	250	Beaver, PA	Ohio State
14. Brett Gallimore	OL	6'6"	605	Parville, MO	Michigan
15. Marcus Freeman	LB	6'3"	240	Huber Heights, OH	Ohio State
16. Mike Massey	TE	6'4"	216	Brecksville, OH	Michigan
17. A.Q. Shipley	DL	6'2"	275	Coraopolis, PA	Penn State
18. Will Johnson	DL	6'4"	285	Oakland, MI	Michigan
19. Albert Dukes	WR	6'1"	180	Belle Glade, FL	Ohio State
20. Sam Carson	LB	6'2"	225	Downers Grove, IL	Illinois



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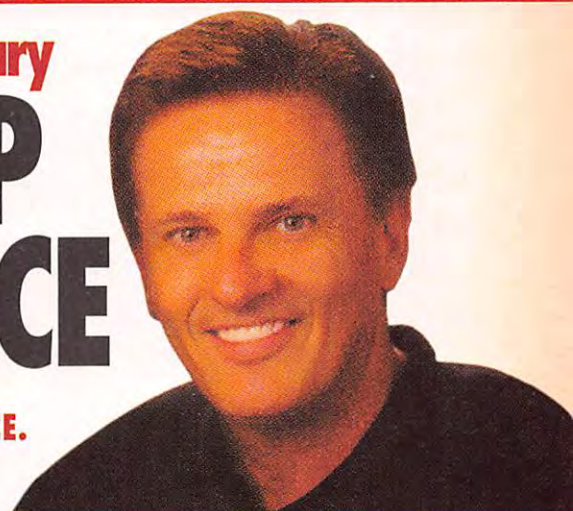
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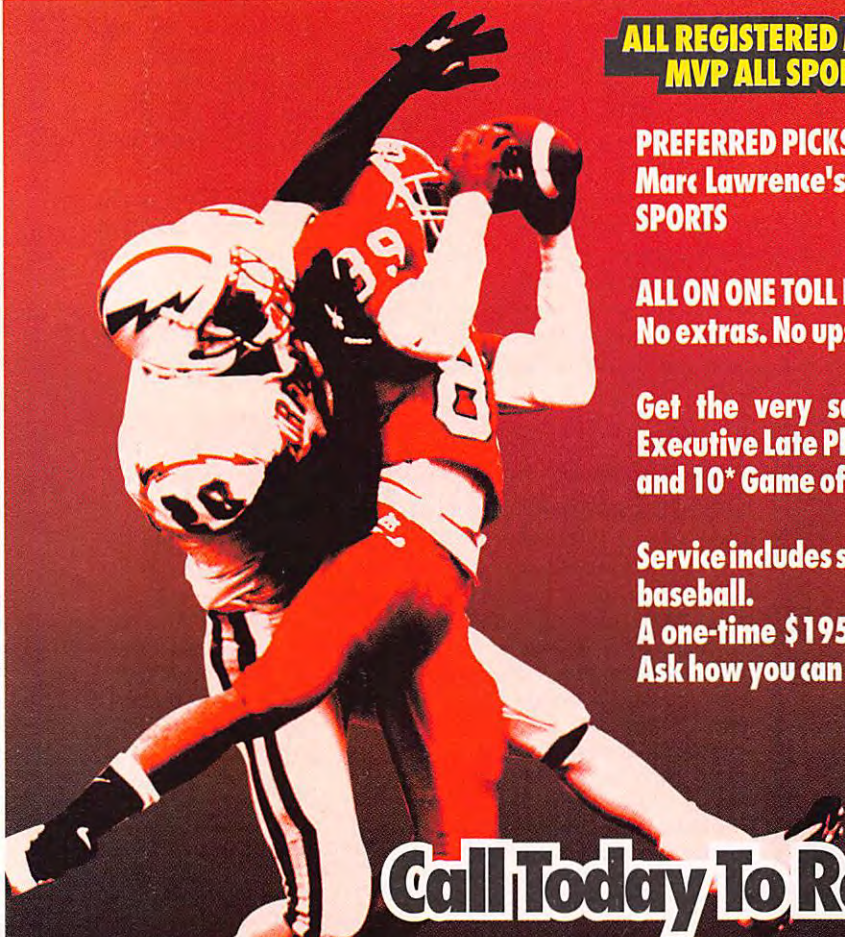
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Illinois coach Ron Turner brought his defensive coaches into a room during the off-season, showed them the board listing the offensive players and said, "Take who you want."

The defensive coaches followed the instructions. Their first draft pick was Kelvin Hayden, who led the team in receiving in 2003. Hayden, they thought, would make a fine cornerback. The defensive coaches also asked for, and received, offensive lineman Chris Norwell (now a defensive tackle) and running back Morris Virgil (now a safety).

"We've got to stop people," Turner says. "If we can't stop people, we're not going to win."

Going into his eighth season at Illinois, the offensive-minded Turner has defense on the brain. And why not? His Illini were among the worst in the country last season at stopping the other team. Illinois finished 92nd in total defense, 98th in scoring defense, 111th in rushing defense and 117th in turnovers gained. Two years removed from a Big Ten title, the defensive collapse meant a fall to 1-11 and questions about Turner's ability to win again.

### Quarterbacks

Jon Beutjer returns for a sixth season after missing the second half of '03 because of back surgery. Healthy again,

Beutjer is the leader for the job going into the season.

But there is competition. Chris Pazan started two games in 2003, and the Illinois coaches like his Kurt Kittner-like work ethic and attitude. Sophomore Tim Brasic and redshirt freshman Brad Bower were also given long looks during the spring, and both played well at times.

Turner isn't saying who will get the job. He could decide the morning of the opener with Florida A&M.

"A lot of it will be a gut feeling," Turner says. "We're looking for everything. We're looking for leadership No. 1."

### Running Backs

The Illini have a nice problem in the backfield — too many talented players.

The numbers were whittled some in 2003 because of injuries. But if E.B. Halsey, Pierre Thomas and Marcus Mason stay healthy this season, Turner will have three capable tailbacks.

It starts with Halsey, who gained 525 yards rushing and added another 303 on 37 catches. A leader at his position, Halsey isn't the fastest guy on the team. But he is strong and shifty.

Thomas, a sophomore, has more breakaway speed and is the team's biggest outside threat. The diminutive Mason works both inside and outside, hiding

behind his linemen before bursting through a hole.

The Illini have to replace veteran full-back Carey Davis. But like at tailback, the numbers are solid, starting with Jason Davis. The junior has what Turner craves most in his fullbacks — soft hands.

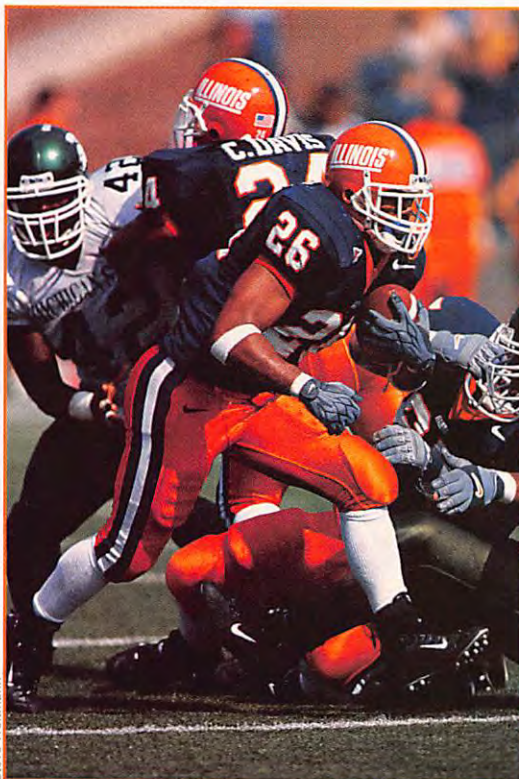
### Receivers

The Illini wouldn't have been able to move Hayden without faith in the other returning receivers. Mark Kornfeld, a former quarterback who had 44 catches last season, is the player the quarterbacks look to on third down.

Lonnie Hurst looked like a young Brandon Lloyd early in the 2003 season but suffered a broken leg and missed the final two games. He appeared to be fully recovered during the spring and should bump his 27 catches from '03. Ade Adeyemo had his season wrecked by a collision with a Rose Bowl wall. The rib injury cost him four games. Like Hurst, his numbers should improve with more playing time.

The wildcard among the Illini receivers is Kendrick Jones. The coaches have been waiting for the talented junior to live up to his potential.

At tight end, Melvin Bryant and Anthony McClellan hope to increase their 15 combined catches from '03.



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## Post-Spring Analysis

### Keys to Escaping the Big Ten Cellar

It isn't just about going to a bowl game and having fun at Illinois anymore. It's about keeping the coach on the job. Many outside the program called for Ron Turner's dismissal after the 1-11 finish in 2003. But Illinois athletic director Ron Guenther stuck by his man. Now, Turner and his staff need to prove Guenther right. The schedule is the most Illinois-friendly in Turner's eight seasons, with a record seven home games. The team doesn't leave Memorial Stadium until October and has only three games outside of Illinois (the finale is at Northwestern). Quarterback Jon Beutjer must overcome his back injury and return to 2002 form. The team needs major improvement from the defense, which was run over by the Big Ten in 2003. Still, it will be difficult for the Illini to climb up the Big Ten ladder this fall. There simply aren't any weak teams in the league.

### 2004 Schedule

S. 4	Florida A&M	W
S. 11	UCLA	L
S. 18	Western Michigan	W
S. 25	Purdue	L
O. 2	at Wisconsin	L
O. 9	at Michigan State	L
O. 16	Michigan	L
O. 23	at Minnesota	L
O. 30	Iowa	L
N. 6	Indiana	*
N. 20	at Northwestern	L

\*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season. W or L indicates a projected win or loss

**E.B. Halsey: Named Illinois' Rookie of the Year in 2003**

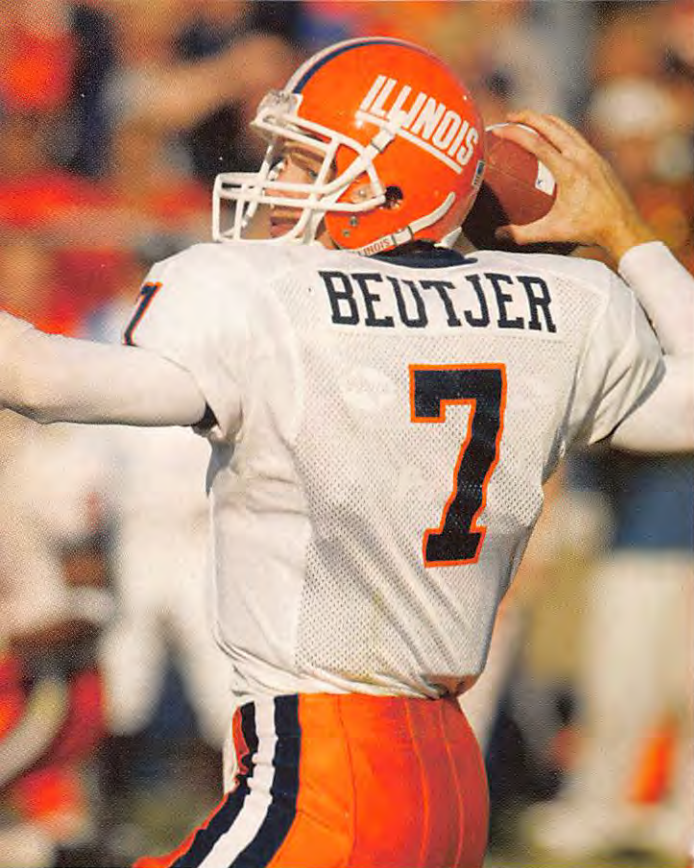
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*Matt Sinclair*





Jon Beutjer

## Offensive Linemen

Four starters return, but they aren't all locks for jobs. Not when the Illinois offense finished 101st nationally in rushing and 107th in scoring. "We're going to get the best five on the field, whoever they might be," Turner says.

Duke Preston is in his third year as the starting center. He has the family background — his father, Ray, was a long-time NFL player — and the smarts to be the unit's leader. With offensive tackle Sean Bubin gone to the NFL, the younger guys will look to Preston for advice.

### NUMBERS GAME

**2** The Illinois defense intercepted just two passes last fall, tying for last among all 117 Division I-A schools.

Returning starters Matt Maddox and Bucky Babcock return on the right side. Expect a large chunk of the Illinois running game to follow the two veterans.

The left side is more of a question, with JJ Simmons trying to replace Bubin and Bryan Koch, who started the first seven games last fall, returning from injury at guard. The Illini suffered a setback midway through spring drills when veteran Dave Hilderbrand, who was challenging Koch, decided to quit. Touted redshirt freshman Martin O'Donnell will challenge for a starting spot, likely at guard against Koch. Three of his classmates — Jim LaBonte, Ben Amundsen and James Ryan — could be on the field early, too.

## RISEING STAR

Redshirt freshman **Chris Norwell** is competing for a starting defensive tackle spot after being switched from the offensive line. Considered a potential star offensive tackle, the coaches felt they needed his athleticism and aggressiveness on defense.

## Defensive Linemen

The most important cog in the lineup couldn't be on the field during the spring. End Mike O'Brien was recovering nicely from knee surgery and is expected to be back for training camp.

"Mike brings an attitude," Turner says. "He plays right up to the edge."

End Scott Moss and tackle Ryan Matha have the experience. End Arthur Boyd has the exuberance.

The unknown quantity on the line is Brian Schaefering, a former starter who has suffered a string of arm and shoulder injuries. He missed the entire 2003

season. If he can help at tackle, the Illini will be able to use the multi-player rotation defensive line coach Donnie Thompson favors.

Thompson is thrilled to have Norwell on his side. "He really has helped our front because he brings a punch to us," Thompson says. "He brings a free spirit, get after it, knock 'em back, let's go men type of mentality."

## Linebackers

Considered a team strength in recent years, the Illini's linebacking corps returns one certain starter — senior Matt Sinclair. A team leader, Sinclair will work mostly at an outside position after spending his first three years on the inside.

Redshirt freshman Joe Mele has impressed the Illinois coaches and should provide a boost in the middle. The outside spot opposite Sinclair will likely go to Josh Tischer, an undersized junior who has a knack for finding the ball.

Don't count out former starter Antonio Mason. The junior needs to be in better shape if he wants a job. When he's on his game, Mason is a talented run stopper.

## Defensive Backs

The Illinois coaches felt they had no choice but to move Hayden to cornerback. To play the kind of aggressive defense they want in 2004, they need a guy who can cover the other team's best one-on-one. That job likely belongs to Hayden.

Virgil is another part of the improved speed on defense. At tailback, he was behind a host of players. At safety, he has a strong chance to start. Like Hayden, Virgil excelled as a defensive back in high school.

Two-year starter Travis Williams can play cornerback but is best suited for free safety. He returned an interception for a touchdown last season, and the coaches would like to see his hands on the ball more often.

Alan Ball is a good bet to start at corner opposite Hayden, though he will get competition from Shariff Abdullah, who started four games in 2003. Besides Williams and Virgil, expect to see junior Kyle Kleckner and redshirt freshman Kevin Mitchell get plenty of playing time at safety.

## Specialists

Turner landed the state's best placekicker, Rock Island's Jason Reda. If Reda is ready to handle extra points and field goals, it will give Turner some options. If not, Steve Weatherford will handle the placements and Matt Minnes will be the punter. Weatherford was among the league's best punters in 2003.

Halsey will likely be used on both on punt and kick returns.

## Outside the Huddle

**You again** Because of a back injury, quarterback Jon Beutjer missed a reunion game with his former school, Iowa. No problem. Thanks to the nice folks at the NCAA, who granted him a rare sixth year of eligibility, Beutjer gets a shot at the Hawkeyes on Oct. 30. On his home field.

**Coming soon** When Illinois landed running back Walter Mendenhall in its 2004 recruiting class, it also guaranteed a great start for the 2005 class. Walter's younger brother Rashard is a senior at Niles West High School in Skokie and is considered the best player in the state. He has already committed to Ron Turner's program.

**Think positive** Turner wasn't thrilled with the treatment his school got during the recruiting season. While he wouldn't name names, Purdue, Michigan and Notre Dame were known to have knocked the Illini program with recruits. Coaches in the Big Ten have an agreement not to criticize other schools in the conference. But based on what he heard, Turner said it happened to his team. Illinois lost a pair of committed players to Purdue — receiver Fabian Martin and defensive back Zach Logan.



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## 2004 Illinois Roster

## Projected Depth Chart

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
7 Beutjer, Jon	QB	6'5"	211	Sr.	Wheaton, IL
14 Bower, Brad	QB	6'2"	210	Fr.	Burr Ridge, IL
15 Brasic, Tim	QB	6'2"	185	So.	Riverside, IL
16 Pazan, Chris	QB	6'2"	210	So.	Chicago, IL

Running Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
33 Bolen, Brock	FB	6'1"	230	Fr.	Springboro, OH
34 Davis, Jason	FB	5'11"	220	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
35 Grzelakowski, Brian	FB	5'11"	210	Fr.	Clarendon Hills, IL
26 Halsey, E.B.	RB	5'11"	185	So.	Elizabeth, NJ
23 Mason, Marcus	RB	5'9"	200	So.	Pontiac, MD
30 Thomas, Pierre	RB	5'11"	190	So.	Lynwood, IL

Receivers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
4 Adeyemo, Ade	WR	6'0"	195	Sr.	Chicago, IL
88 Bryant, Melvin	TE	6'5"	235	So.	Muncie, IN
9 Clark, Jamaal	WR	6'2"	195	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
22 Frazier, Kieron	WR	6'2"	160	Fr.	Mason, OH
1 Hurst, Lonnie	WR	6'3"	190	So.	Detroit, MI
17 Jensen, Spencer	WR	6'0"	180	Fr.	Lockport, IL
84 Jones, Kendrick	WR	6'1"	180	Jr.	East St. Louis, IL
19 Kornfeld, Mark	WR	6'1"	200	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
31 Lenti, Frank	WR	6'2"	180	Fr.	Chicago, IL
81 McClellan, Anthony	TE	6'3"	245	Sr.	O'Fallon, IL
89 McGoe, Mark	WR	6'4"	195	So.	Wheaton, IL
80 Payne, Franklin	WR	6'0"	185	So.	Jackson, TN
82 Splant, Tim	WR	6'5"	195	So.	Lockport, IL
85 Trepina, Mike	TE	6'3"	240	So.	Darien, IL
8 Warren, DeJuan	WR	6'3"	195	Fr.	Southfield, MI

Offensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
69 Amundsen, Ben	C	6'6"	305	Fr.	Moline, IL
70 Babcock, Bucky	T	6'4"	305	Sr.	Stillman Valley, IL
96 Burk, Andrew	OL	6'6"	290	So.	Newburgh, IN
76 Gage, Kevin	OL	6'6"	285	Fr.	Downers Grove, IL
71 Koch, Bryan	G	6'3"	285	Sr.	Wentzville, MO
61 Kruger, Jordan	G	6'4"	285	Jr.	Chicago, IL
68 LaBonte, Jim	T	6'7"	300	Fr.	Lombard, IL
67 Maddox, Matt	G	6'4"	290	So.	Manassas, VA
64 O'Donnell, Martin	G	6'5"	290	Fr.	Downers Grove, IL
75 Preston, Duke	C	6'5"	305	Sr.	San Diego, CA
79 Ryan, James	T	6'6"	310	Fr.	Batavia, IL
72 Schnettgoe, Kyle	OL	6'3"	280	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
57 Simmons, JJ	T	6'6"	290	So.	Mishawaka, IN

Defensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
92 Boyd, Arthur	DE	6'3"	265	So.	Shaker Heights, OH
59 Buckner, Kam	DL	6'4"	260	Fr.	Chicago, IL
56 Gray, Zach	DL	6'3"	250	So.	Gillman, IL
74 Maloney, Mike	DT	6'3"	280	Sr.	Joliet, IL
97 Matha, Ryan	DT	6'1"	285	Jr.	Dixon, IL
90 Moss, Scott	DE	6'3"	260	Jr.	Minooka, IL
119 Norris, Josh	DL	5'11"	250	So.	Springfield, IL
73 Norwell, Chris	DT	6'7"	270	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
93 O'Brien, Mike	DE	6'6"	225	Sr.	Oak Lawn, IL
95 Robinson, Lee	DE	6'5"	265	Sr.	Naperville, IL
66 Schaefering, Brian	DT	6'5"	280	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
99 Truttling, Bryan	DL	6'4"	295	So.	East Chicago, IN
61 Wilk, Adam	DT	6'5"	275	So.	Lake Zurich, IL

Linebackers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
52 Garrett, Cyrus	LB	6'3"	230	So.	Bolingbrook, IL
45 Gawelek, Mike	LB	6'2"	230	Sr.	Chillicothe, OH
47 Leman, J	LB	6'3"	220	Fr.	Champaign, IL
46 Mason, Antonio	LB	6'0"	245	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
53 Mele, Joe	LB	6'2"	225	Fr.	Sea Girt, NJ
44 Sinclair, Matt	LB	6'3"	240	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
39 Stevenson, James	LB	6'3"	240	Fr.	Franklinville, NJ
51 Thornhill, Anthony	LB	6'1"	215	Fr.	Detroit, MI
36 Tischer, Josh	LB	6'1"	215	Jr.	Morris, IL
40 Whitehill, Steve	LB	6'2"	215	Fr.	Champaign, IL

Defensive Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
22 Abdullah, Shariff	CB	5'8"	180	So.	Detroit, MI
18 Ball, Alan	CB	6'1"	175	So.	Detroit, MI
31 Brosnan, Brian	S	6'1"	205	Jr.	Chicago, IL
25 Cooper, James	DB	5'11"	200	Jr.	South Holland, IL
6 Hayden, Kelvin	CB	6'0"	198	Sr.	Chicago, IL
21 Jordan, Taman	CB	5'11"	195	Sr.	Tempe, AZ
10 Kleckner, Kyle	S	6'0"	195	Jr.	Downers Grove, IL
29 McMahon, Drew	DB	5'10"	175	Fr.	Champaign, IL
42 Mitchell, Kevin	S	6'0"	190	Fr.	Ft. Wayne, IN
26 Rouse, Tyler	DB	5'10"	180	Fr.	Champaign, IL
35 Smiley, Thomas	DB	5'8"	185	So.	Chicago Ridge, IL
20 Virgil, Morris	S	5'10"	195	Sr.	Urbana, IL
28 Williams, Travis	DB	6'1"	185	Jr.	East Alton, IL

Specialists	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
97 Adams, Kyle	K	6'2"	215	Jr.	Naperville, IL
95 Brantley, Justin	K	5'9"	160	Fr.	Detroit, MI
39 Keely, Tyler	LS	6'1"	172	Fr.	Oswego, IL
40 Kovach, Justin	LS	6'1"	220	Fr.	Lombard, IL
38 Minnes, Matt	P	6'2"	195	Sr.	Urbana, IL
53 Pankey, Nick	LS	6'3"	260	Jr.	Herscher, IL
99 Shafer, Dominic	K	5'10"	180	So.	Centralia, IL
37 Weatherford, Steve	P	6'4"	205	Jr.	Terre Haute, IN

Offense (7)			
WR	4	Ade Adeyemo (Sr.)	84 Kendrick Jones (Jr.)
WR	1	Lonnie Hurst (So.)	19 Mark Kornfeld (Sr.)
LT	57	JJ Simmons (So.)	68 Jim LaBonte (Fr.)
LG	64	Martin O'Donnell (Fr.)	71 Bryan Koch (Sr.)
C	75	Duke Preston (Sr.)	69 Ben Amundsen (Fr.)
RG	67	Matt Maddox (So.)	61 Jordan Kruger (Jr.)
RT	70	Bucky Babcock (Sr.)	79 James Ryan (Fr.)
TE	88	Melvin Bryant (So.)	81 Anthony McClellan (Sr.)
QB	7	Jon Beutjer (Sr.)	16 Chris Pazan (So.)
FB	34	Jason Davis (Jr.)	33 Brock Bolen (Fr.)
RB	26	E.B. Halsey (So.)	30 Pierre Thomas (So.)

Defense (6)			
DE	93	Mike O'Brien (Sr.)	95 Lee Robinson (Sr.)
DT	97	Ryan Matha (Jr.)	61 Adam Wilk (So.)
DT	73	Chris Norwell (Fr.)	74 Mike Maloney (Sr.)
DE	90	Scott Moss (Jr.)	92 Arthur Boyd (So.)
LB	36	Josh Tischer (Jr.)	46 Antonio Mason (Jr.)
LB	53	Joe Mele (Fr.)	45 Mike Gawelek (Sr.)
LB	44	Matt Sinclair (Sr.)	47 J Leman (Fr.)
CB	6	Kelvin Hayden (Sr.)	21 Taman Jordan (Sr.)
CB	18	Alan Ball (So.)	22 Shariff Abdullah (So.)
SS	20	Morris Virgil (Sr.)	42 Kevin Mitchell (Fr.)
FS	28	Travis Williams (Jr.)	10 Kyle Kleckner (Jr.)

Special Teams			
K	37	Steve Weatherford (Jr.)	KR 26 E.B. Halsey (So.)
P	38	Matt Minnes (Sr.)	PR 26 E.B. Halsey (So.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters  
**BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 Signees

Charles Bailey	DB	6'1"	200	Fort Wayne, IN	Ryan McDonald	OL	6'5"	260	Holland, MI
Brock Bolen	RB	6'0"	230	Springboro, OH	Walter Mendenhall	RB	6'0"	195	Skokie, IL
Anthony Brodnax	DB	6'1"	180	Lithonia, GA	Dan Motuliak	DL	6'4"	275	Lafayette, IN
Sam Carson	LB	6'2"	225	Woodbridge, IL	Jarvis Newson	DB	6'0"	185	Decatur, GA
Bryant Creamer	WR	6'3"	190	Chicago, IL	Jason Reda	PK	6'2"	195	Rock Island, IL
Jody Ellis	DB	6'1"	185	Evanston, IL	Jeff Sobol	DL	6'3"	255	Pevely, MO
Kisan Flakes	QB	6'1"	195	Lovejoy, GA	Tony Sparkman	OL	6'4"	285	Brooklyn Park, MN
Xavier Fulton	DL	6'5"	265	Flossmoor, IL	Alex Stroud	WR	6'1"	180	Danville, CA
Billy Garza	QB	6'2"	195	Brownsville, TX	Derek Walker	DL	6'4"	255	Glendale Hts., IL
Justin Harrison	DB	6'0"	205	Bloomington, IL	Russ Weil	DL	6'1"	230	Minooka, IL
Kyle Kneazetic	LS	6'1"	195	Channaham, IL	Remond Willis	LB	6'1"	220	Lilbourn, MO
J.R. Kraemer	TE	6'5"	215	Wildwood, MO	Andre Young	WR	6'5"	190	N. Augusta, SC

After going for big guys in 2003, the Illini loaded up on defensive backs and receivers this past February. While both spots provide the potential for immediate help, they also fill the down-the-road openings at senior-laden positions. The best of the newcomers is Bryant Creamer, a receiver from Chicago who had 23 touchdown catches as a senior. Creamer should jump into Ron Turner's receiver rotation immediately. Fellow receivers Alex Stroud and André Young also could be on the field early. The secondary is led by two Illinois all-stars, Jody Ellis and Justin Harrison. Harrison could be the steal of the class. Illinois signed two quarterbacks, including Texan Billy Garza. He knows the Turner offense, playing for former Illinois assistant Jim Helms in high school.

Considering the team's 1-11 finish, Turner showed again he can win over recruits. Every player signed said the team's record was a blip, not a trend.

## 2003 Results — 1-11 (0-8 Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 30	at Missouri	L	15-22
S. 6	Illinois State	W	49-22
S. 13	at UCLA	L	3-6
S. 20	California	L	24-31
S. 27	Wisconsin	L	20-38
O. 4	at Purdue	L	10-43
O. 11	Michigan State	L	14-49
O. 18	at Michigan	L	14-56
O. 25	Minnesota	L	10-36
N. 1	at Iowa	L	10-41
N. 8	at Indiana	L	14-17
N. 22	Northwestern	L	20-37

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Jon Beutjer, 257-162-1,597-9, 10 TD  
**Rushing:** E.B. Halsey, 140 car., 525 yds., 2 TDs  
**Receiving:** Kelvin Hayden, 52 rec., 592 yds., 3 TDs  
**Scoring:** E.B. Halsey, 7 TDs, 42 points  
**Punting:** Steve Weatherford, 46 punts, 44.5 avg.  
**Kicking:** None  
**Tackles:** Matt Sinclair, 129, 61 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Scott Moss, 6 for 33 yds.  
**Sacks:** Matt Sinclair, 4  
**Interceptions:** Travis Williams, 1 for 32 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** E.B. Halsey, 16 ret., 23.6 avg.  
**Punt returns:** E.B. Halsey, 8 ret., 9.9 avg.



# *Catching Up With* **DAVID WILLIAMS**



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**He was Marvin Harrison before Marvin Harrison.  
He was Larry Fitzgerald before Larry Fitzgerald.**

**A RECEIVER AHEAD OF HIS TIME.**

*by Bob Asmussen*



In 1984, Illinois' David Williams became just the second receiver in NCAA Division I-A history to catch more than 100 passes in a season. And the first from one of the current BCS conferences. Only Tulsa's Howard Twilley, a future member of the Miami Dolphins' undefeated Super Bowl champions, had more catches than Williams' 101. Twilley caught a ridiculous 134 in 1965.

Williams helped set a standard that 20 others have followed. Only one player in Big Ten history (Purdue's Chris Daniels with 109 in 1999) has had more catches in a season.

The numbers could have been so much greater. But the Illinois offense wasn't all Williams. The team had a 1,000-yard rusher, Thomas Rooks. It had two other receivers with 40-plus catches and four others with at least 14.

Put Williams in Joe Tiller's offense today and the numbers might have been the receiver version of Nolan Ryan's seven no-hitters.

"Purdue threw the ball 77 times," Williams says. "How many times a game did we throw? I would have been up near 200."

"If he was at Texas Tech, he might have caught 300," current Illinois coach Ron Turner says.

But the century mark didn't matter to Williams, then or now. Currently a steel salesman living in Southern California, Williams cares most about the team's record. The Illini enjoyed a 23-11-1 record during Williams' career, including an unprecedented 9-0 run against the Big Ten in 1983.

Of course, he remembers catch No. 100, which came in the 1984 season finale against Indiana. He needed nine going into the game.

"The other team knows what's going on, too," Williams says. "Now, I've got four or five guys covering me with no defensive responsibilities, just trying to knock the crap out of me so I don't catch the ball."

"It was always, 'We're going to win first. When we're winning, then we're going to make sure you get your catches.' That game, I started lining up at tight end and running back."

Catching passes only made Williams happy if it meant helping his team.

"You couldn't beat Ohio State throwing the ball 77 times," Williams says. "Imagine if we threw the ball 77 times, imagine the pounding I would have taken. I took enough pounding as it was."

No surprise that the individuality of today's receivers bothers Williams. Plenty.

Pull a Sharpie out of your sock and you draw the wrath of the former great. Go ahead and grab a cell phone after a touchdown, but stay away from Williams.

"I would never do anything to embarrass my team," Williams says. "I would never do anything off the field where my teammates wouldn't be proud of me. Spin the ball or spike the ball, yeah. But pull a Sharpie out or get a cell phone, that's ignorant. That's no class. You're representing your organization as trash."

Williams likes Sharpie fanatic Terrell Owens on the field. But he wishes the newest Philadelphia Eagle would lose the schtick. Don't dance with the cheerleaders. Don't dance on the Dallas Cowboys star. Just play football.

"Terrell Owens is probably the most talented guy in the NFL, but his head ..." Williams says. "Him and Randy Moss, they are freaks of nature."

At Illinois, Williams was no freak of nature. He had good size (6'3")

and decent speed, but he remembers Illinois linebackers running him down in practice. However, when the games started and Jack Trudeau dropped back to pass, Williams found a hole. Again and again and again. He still holds the Illinois single-game record with 16 catches against Purdue, and he had at least 10 receptions in five games during the historic season.

"I had two and three guys covering me every time, every game," Williams says. "You never knew if I was going to catch 10 balls or four balls. We knew I had to make some plays."

As a freshman, Williams remembers watching Michigan's Anthony Carter and being in awe. He wanted other players to look at him the same way. And it happened.

"I'd walk out and they'd go, 'There he is,'" Williams says. "I'm leading the nation in receiving. You know it's coming, you just don't know when it's coming. Sometimes, I used to feel guilty when I got more balls than other people."

Williams realized early in his football life that he was no good without the rest of the Illini. Starting at the top with coach Mike White.

"Mike White put that confidence in you," Williams says. "He had me believing we had the best system, the best quarterback, the best line — you're the best receiver, this is the best play. Now, go execute."

Football was never as good for Williams after Illinois. The two-time All-American and recent College Football Hall of Fame nominee spent two seasons in the NFL. A third-round pick of the Chicago Bears in 1986, Williams failed to make the team. He played a season in Tampa Bay and a second with the Los Angeles Raiders.

"I walked into a Super Bowl situation (at Chicago) where you've got a million egos," Williams says. "I was better than everybody they had. I think being a local guy, that hurt me. I had more press than a

lot of guys on the team who just went to the Super Bowl. I had a coach come up and say something smart to me and I think I said something smart back. I shouldn't have done it."

Williams found a second career in the CFL, spending seven seasons with five different teams. The league MVP after leading British Columbia to the Grey Cup as a rookie, Williams is still tied for sixth on the league's all-time touchdown reception list.

Despite his success in Canada, taking another shot at the NFL wasn't in Williams' plans. "I just played," Williams says. "It was never about the money for me. I loved playing football."

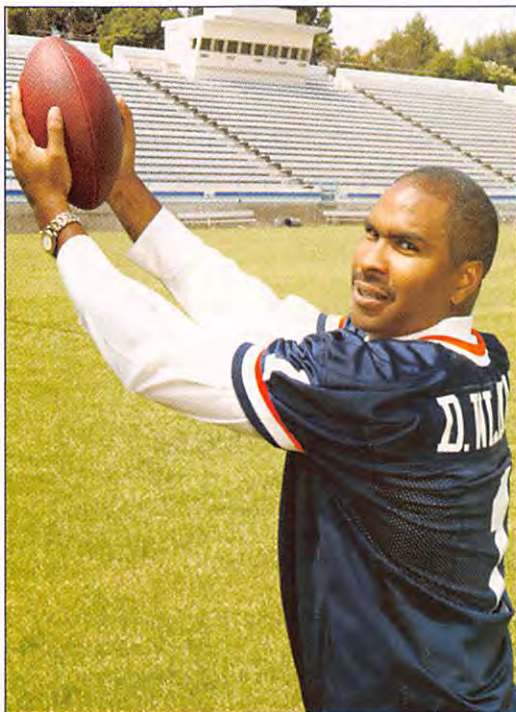
A torn Achilles' tendon ended his career in Canada. He tried coaching, working with receivers at Idaho State in 1997. His goal at the time was to return to his alma mater.

"I wanted to be the first black head coach at Illinois," Williams says. "Then, I wanted to stay there and coach there until I was old and retired and just play golf all the time."

He stays involved with Illinois, attending at least one game per season and visiting in the spring for reunions. But his only official involvement with football is as a scout for the CFL.

Two decades later, Williams is able to enjoy his record season, though he didn't think about it much at the time.

"You don't know you're making history when you're making history," Williams says. "Then, you're like, 'I just had nine catches against Michigan. If I don't show up next week, I'm going to get my teeth knocked out against Ohio State.'"



**Put Williams in one of today's offenses, and 200 catches might have been within his grasp.**

Mitch Haddad



Indiana head coach Gerry DiNardo finds himself in unfamiliar territory. For the first time since he arrived in Bloomington three years ago, the Hoosiers enter a campaign with a full complement of players.

"It's certainly a welcome change," DiNardo says. "We've established our depth, and it helps us with our day-to-day operations like practicing. Now, of course, the challenge is to minimize the attrition and replace players as they graduate with other good players."

A pair of undermanned seasons didn't yield the results DiNardo demands, but he admits the tribulations weren't without their benefits. The predicament provided the Hoosiers with a seasoned roster of young talent.

"I don't know if there is anything more valuable than game experience," DiNardo says. "We have a lot of game experience on our team. As young as they may have been when they played, I certainly think that it will serve us well down the road."

### Quarterbacks

Perhaps no Hoosier's performance will be more scrutinized this season than Matt LoVecchio's. After transferring from Notre Dame, his debut was one of Indiana football's most highly anticipated events in 2003.

LoVecchio completed better than 50 percent of his passes and minimized his interceptions with nine. But now those inside the program are elevating their expectations for LoVecchio's final collegiate season. "Matt is a fifth-year senior and obviously every good team has good quarterback play," DiNardo says. "So, we expect a lot from Matt based on the experience he's had starting in a lot of games."

What DiNardo expects is a viable passing attack to balance the offense. The Hoosiers' dink-and-dunk approach didn't scare anyone. Indiana needs LoVecchio to go down the field with more success, stretching defenses and creating opportunities for receivers to catch shorter passes in space.

LoVecchio and his primary backup, sophomore Graeme McFarland, must mount a significant threat through the air. If not, DiNardo fears the entire offense will sputter.

### Running Backs

DiNardo is always quick to point out, "The run game is always critical." So Indiana's coach must be pleased that BenJarvus Green-Ellis wears a Hoosier uniform.

Apparently being one of the Big Ten's fastest-rising stars wasn't enough. Green-Ellis spent the off-season in the weight

room and feels it will result in more broken tackles. Green-Ellis already combines a great initial burst, enough speed to rip off big gains and a motor that never stops regardless of quarter or number of carries. Now, he's added power.

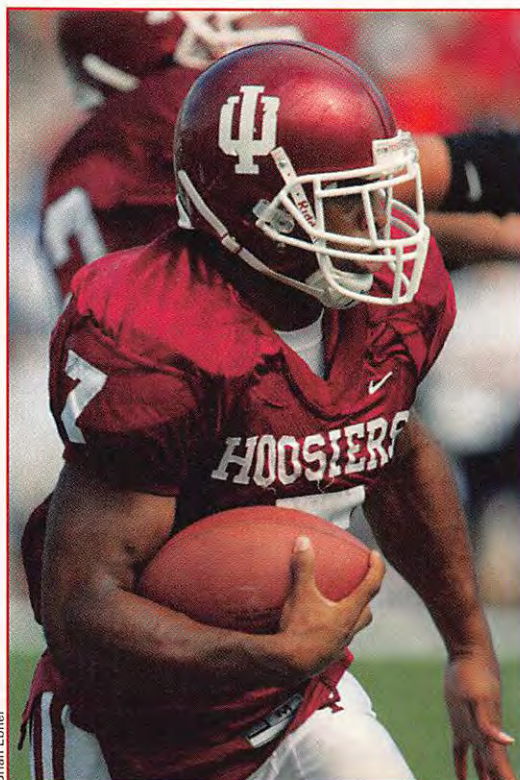
Green-Ellis won't need to go it alone. Chris Taylor and Yamar Washington, who is back from a torn ACL, give the Hoosiers two more weapons. Redshirt freshman Kenni Burns could provide a fourth option.

### Receivers

LoVecchio's go-to guy is without question Courtney Roby, who stayed in top condition in the off-season by running with Indiana's track team. Roby has always shown the ability to make the tough catch and run precise routes, but his track experience may have added the missing ingredient — blazing speed.

Travis Haney appears ready to become a starter. At 6'5", he has the ability to go up and get the ball over defensive backs. Incumbent slot receiver Tyke Spencer will have to hold off newcomer Tywan Freney, a 2003 junior college All-American.

Aaron Halterman offers a reliable weapon at tight end. And the Hoosiers found his possible successor in Chris Rudanovic.



Brian Ehner

## Post-Spring Analysis

### Keys to a Turnaround

Humbled by 10 seasons without a postseason appearance, the Hoosiers prefer to leave bold predictions and bravado to other teams. If Indiana believes 2004 will be the year the bowl futility ends, it is keeping those expectations mum and setting attainable goals. The coaching staff made passing game efficiency on offense and defense the focus of spring practice. But improvement wasn't evident as the Hoosiers broke camp as a team still searching for answers. At best, the passing attack was inconsistent, even with better pass protection. And while IU's pass rush also appeared improved, the cornerbacks continue to be exploited, especially with starter Cedric Henry out all spring. With only minimal improvement, the Hoosiers could surprise. The question is whether or not those upgrades are within reach, especially under the pressure of rising expectations.

### 2004 Schedule

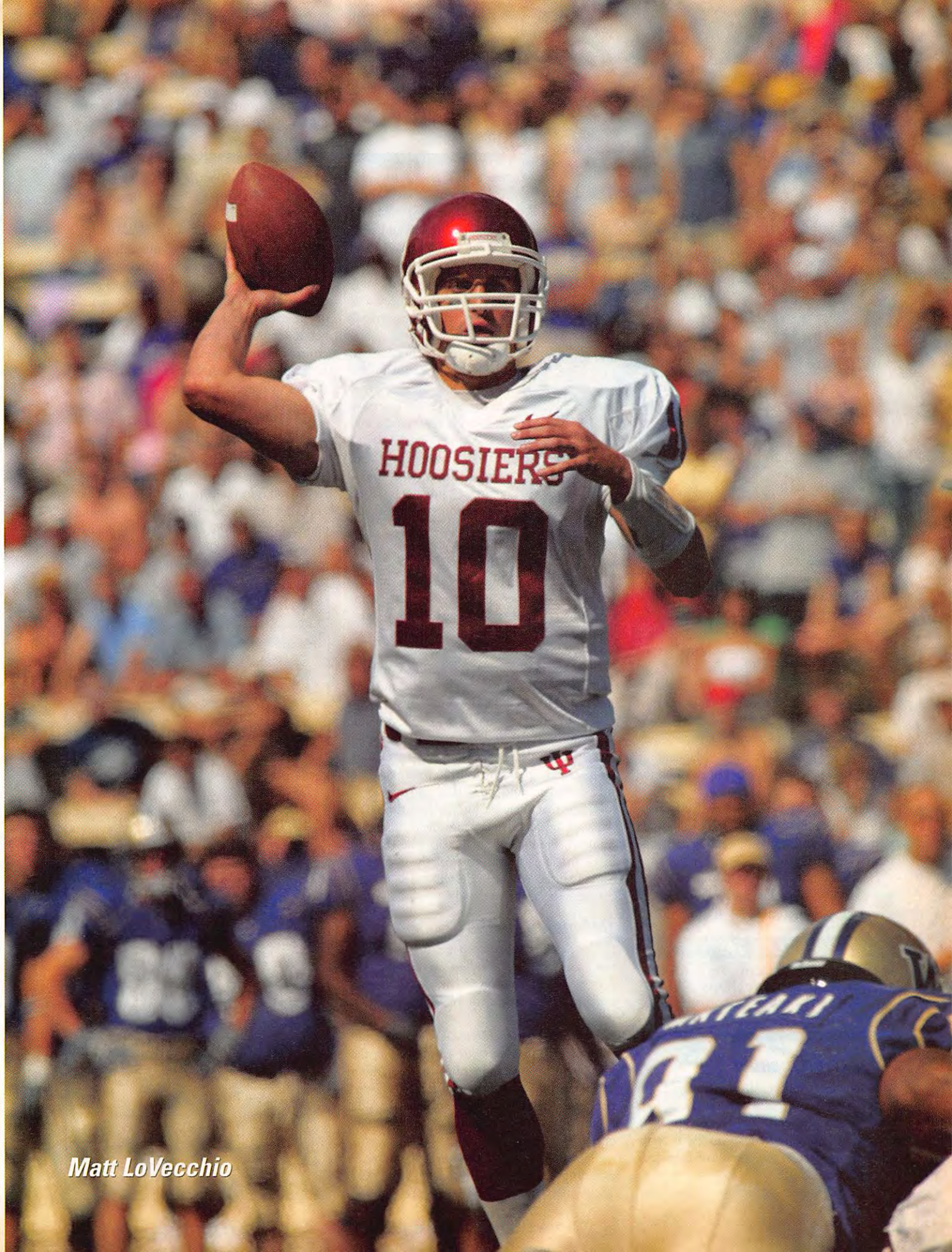
S. 4	Central Michigan	W
S. 11	at Oregon	L
<b>S. 18</b>	<b>at Kentucky</b>	*
S. 25	Michigan State	L
O. 2	Michigan	L
O. 9	at Northwestern	L
O. 23	at Ohio State	L
O. 30	Minnesota	L
<b>N. 6</b>	<b>at Illinois</b>	*
N. 13	Penn State	L
N. 20	at Purdue	L

\*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season. W or L indicates a projected win or loss

**BenJarvus Green-Ellis: 938 rushing yards as a freshman in '03**

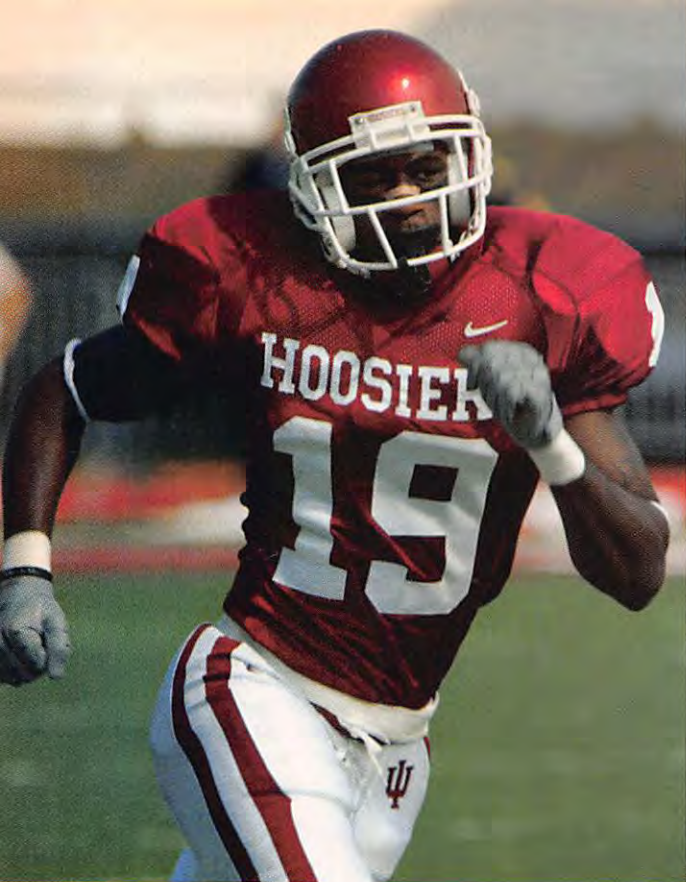
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*Matt LoVecchio*





Brian Elmer

Courtney Roby

## Offensive Linemen

Pass blocking is the focus in the trenches. The Hoosiers excel at blazing trails for their running backs, but they need to provide the quarterbacks with better protection.

The entire offensive line returns, including center Brandon Hatcher, who missed most of last season with a knee injury. Guards Chris Jahnke and Adam Hines will flank the center, whether it's Hatcher or Chris Mangiero, a sophomore who emerged from spring atop the depth chart.

Isaac Sowell, arguably Indiana's best offensive lineman, will protect LoVecchio's blindside at left tackle, with Justin Frye holding down the right tackle.

"I don't think there's any question," DiNardo says, "our offensive linemen should be better at pass protection."

## NUMBERS GAME

**4** Indiana threw only four touchdown passes a year ago. Starter Matt LoVecchio accounted for three.

## Defensive Linemen

Honorable mention All-Big Ten selection Jodie Clemons anchors a Hoosier front four that remains desperate to harass opposing passers. Clemons represents Indiana's only legitimate hazard and overcomes constant double-teaming to do it.

For Clemons and the defense to taste suc-

## RISING STAR

Junior college standout **Paul Szczesny** created quite a buzz at linebacker during spring practice. Szczesny offers rare speed for a player his size and picked up the system quickly. His performance left an impression on the coaches, and if he continues to make plays, he'll be hard to keep off the field.

cess, he's going to need help. Clemons will once again team with Martin Lapostolle inside and ends Victor Adeyanju and Kenny Kendal. Clemons, however, has been the only lineman that has been able to get after the quarterback on a consistent basis.

DiNardo hopes to change that trend with creativity and an improved rotation. Having defensive tackles Luis Hernandez and Joe Kremer at the staff's disposal should help. They'll team with high-energy lineman Russ Richardson and rush end Ben Ishola.

## Linebackers

The Hoosiers go from famine to feast at linebacker. No other position on the team unearthed more talent last season, and DiNardo is counting on his newfound player pool to generate game-altering efforts.

"We expect tremendous improvement," DiNardo says. "Our depth is night and day from what it's been the last couple of years."

IU's top three playmakers — Kyle Killion, Josh Moore and Jake Powers — are all sound tacklers, relentless in pursuit and have more than enough speed to rush the passer or drop into coverage. And now, they can cut loose knowing that there is, for the first time in a while, solid depth backing them up. Paul Szczesny, a junior college transfer who enrolled at IU in January, was particularly impressive during spring practice. He will battle Powers for the start on the weak-side.

## Defensive Backs

Hoosier cornerbacks have surrendered far too many big plays. Finding two starting corners remains an unsolved mystery. However, Indiana does possess a trio of safeties that provides answers.

Longtime starter Herana-Daze Jones and young gun Will Meyers are entrenched in the lineup. Both show good run-pass recognition and crave contact, with Jones better in run support and Meyers the better ball hawk. Will Lumpkin is another asset if he's ready for the opener.

"Herana-Daze is one of our leaders and we're expecting his best year," DiNardo says. "Will Meyers has a lot of game experience that will

serve him well. And the injury is only thing holding Will Lumpkin back. Hopefully, he'll be back."

Jones, Meyers and Lumpkin all carry DiNardo's stamp of approval, but only one cornerback boasts the same endorsement.

Cedric Henry is the one corner who's proved capable of defending Big Ten receivers. The rest of the cornerbacks are a crapshoot. The safest bet is veteran Leonard Bryant, but DiNardo claims everyone will get a long look.

Translation — DiNardo is banking on his safeties to prevent the long passes that plague his team.

## Specialists

After connecting on 10-of-10 field goals from inside the 40-yard line, placekicker Bryan Robertson is in no jeopardy of losing his job.

Punter Tyson Beattie excelled at pinning opponents inside the 20 but needs to hang his kicks a little higher to aid the punt coverage team.

## Outside the Huddle

**No slowing down** BenJarvus Green-Ellis bucked a freshman trend by getting stronger as the season progressed. His two finest performances came in Indiana's last two games, when he gained 203 yards on 42 carries versus Penn State and 155 yards on 35 carries to close the season against Purdue.

**Old faces, new places** Offensive line coach Steve Addazio and defensive line coach Joe Cullen were both promoted to coordinator, replacing Al Borges and Tim Kish. Gerry DiNardo is pleased with the changes. "It was absolutely the right move at the right time," he says.

**Bloomington arrivals** Matt Canada (QB), Bob McConnell (WR), Troy Douglas (CB) and Don Wnek (director of football operations) all enter their first year on the Indiana staff. Three new assistants in the passing game indicate IU's ongoing problems.

**Sack exchange** Only the statistics can truly reveal Indiana's struggles in the passing game. Hoosier quarterbacks were sacked 40 times in 2003, while the opponents' passers operated in relative safety — IU managed only 17 sacks.



**Head Coach: Gerry DiNardo • Record at School: 5-19 (2 years) • Career Record: 56-68-1 (11 years)**  
**Offensive Coordinator: Steve Addazio • Defensive Coordinator: Joe Cullen • Bloomington, Ind. • Memorial Stadium (52,180)**

## 2004 Indiana Roster

## Projected Depth Chart

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
5 Bernhard, Jordy	QB	5'9"	171	Fr.	Coppell, TX
10 LoVecchio, Matt	QB	6'3"	216	Sr.	Franklin Lakes, NJ
12 McFarland, Graeme	QB	6'1"	200	So.	Birmingham, AL
14 Powers, Blake	QB	6'4"	220	Fr.	Brandenburg, KY
17 Vlahogorge, Mike	QB	6'3"	220	Fr.	Lafayette, IN

Running Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
3 Bennett, Lance	RB	5'5"	165	So.	Brooklyn, NY
23 Burns, Kenni	RB	5'11"	192	Fr.	Springfield, IL
7 Green-Ellis, BenJarvus	RB	5'11"	220	So.	New Orleans, LA
34 Pannozzo, John	FB	5'11"	230	Jr.	Brooklyn, NY
38 Sears, Josiah	FB	6'0"	244	Fr.	Greenfield, IN
45 Stscherban, Alex	FB	5'11"	233	So.	Mishawaka, IN
30 Taylor, Chris	RB	5'11"	210	Jr.	Memphis, TN
33 Washington, Yamar	RB	5'9"	205	Jr.	Houston, TX

Receivers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
4 Bugg, Tim	TE	6'0"	250	Fr.	South Bend, IN
86 Haan, Paul	WR	6'0"	184	Fr.	Lafayette, IN
87 Halterman, Aaron	TE	6'5"	260	Sr.	Greenwood, IN
90 Halterman, Andy	TE	6'4"	250	So.	Greenwood, IN
80 Hanev, Travis	WR	6'5"	215	Sr.	Orange Park, FL
81 Kleinschmidt, Rhett	WR	6'2"	195	Jr.	Metairie, LA
84 Lewis, David	WR	6'0"	185	Sr.	Terre Haute, IN
22 Rabold, John	WR	6'0"	201	Fr.	Bloomington, IN
19 Roby, Courtney	WR	6'0"	185	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
89 Rudanovic, Chris	TE	6'4"	265	So.	Sussex, NJ
8 Sexton, Nick	TE	6'5"	240	Fr.	Bloomington, IN
2 Spencer, Tyke	WR	5'10"	169	Jr.	Naperville, IL
16 Thompson, Patrick	WR	6'2"	230	Sr.	Paterson, NJ

Offensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
79 Anderson, Scott	OL	6'6"	306	So.	Lafayette, IN
59 Clemente, Jonathan	OL	6'2"	265	Fr.	Staten Island, NY
60 Frye, Justin	T	6'5"	300	So.	Elwood, IN
61 Harker, Troy	T	6'6"	290	Fr.	Monticello, IN
73 Hatcher, Brandon	C	6'2"	302	Jr.	Detroit, MI
70 Hearn, Paul	T	6'4"	305	Fr.	Calgary, AB
75 Hines, Adam	G	6'2"	304	Jr.	Vandalia, OH
72 Jahnke, Chris	G	6'5"	310	Sr.	Louisville, KY
68 Joyce, Brandon	T	6'4"	294	Fr.	St. Charles, MO
63 Kellam, Jeremiah	T	6'3"	300	Fr.	Wabash, IN
74 Mangiero, Chris	C	6'1"	290	So.	Bloomington, IN
56 Oldham, Patrick	OL	6'1"	285	Fr.	Carmel, IN
50 Sandberg, John	G	6'2"	290	Fr.	Monon, IN
76 Sowell, Isaac	T	6'3"	325	Jr.	Louisville, KY
66 Voltattorni, Chris	G	6'2"	295	Sr.	Torrance, CA
77 Wagner, Jacob	OL	6'7"	325	Sr.	Springfield, OH
52 Wyss, Ben	OL	6'1"	280	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN

Defensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
94 Adeyanju, Victor	DE	6'4"	270	Jr.	Chicago, IL
96 Clemons, Jodie	DT	6'2"	276	Sr.	Lansing, MI
93 Emerson, Charles	DL	6'5"	260	Fr.	Westport, CT
71 Hernandez, Luis	DT	6'1"	305	Fr.	Metairie, LA
99 Ishola, Ben	DE	6'3"	255	Jr.	Berlin, Germany
92 Kendal, Kenny	DE	6'3"	250	So.	Chicago, IL
95 Kremer, Joe	DT	6'2"	290	Fr.	Urbana, OH
97 Lapostolle, Martin	DT	6'2"	280	Sr.	Montreal, PQ
72 Luce, Nick	DE	6'2"	275	Fr.	Vincennes, IN
91 Radke, Eli	DE	6'2"	260	Sr.	West Lebanon, IN
55 Richardson, Russ	DT	6'0"	265	Jr.	Phoenix, AZ
67 Stubblefield, Joel	DL	6'1"	260	So.	Pendleton, IN

Linebackers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
52 Altman, Tyler	LB	6'0"	243	Fr.	Latrobe, PA
38 Cate, Randy	LB	5'11"	226	Sr.	Richmond, IN
64 Del Rio, Adam	LB	6'1"	217	Fr.	Munster, IN
85 Faires, Brian	LB	6'3"	244	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
59 Harbison, Cleo	MLB	5'10"	235	Sr.	Nashville, TN
43 Killion, Kyle	MLB	6'0"	230	Jr.	Kingwood, TX
51 Kruse, Kevin	LB	5'11"	215	Sr.	Carmel, IN
50 McClurg, Adam	LB	6'0"	230	Fr.	Greenwood, IN
13 Moore, Josh	SLB	5'11"	225	Sr.	Hamden, CT
53 Naaman, Mark	LB	6'0"	215	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
63 Nowinski, Casey	LB	6'1"	225	So.	Merrillville, IN
83 O'Neal, Matt	LB	6'1"	225	So.	Terre Haute, IN
46 Powers, Jake	WLB	6'1"	220	So.	Danville, IN
47 Smith, Casey	LB	5'11"	235	Fr.	Hancock, IN
48 Smith, Kevin	SLB	6'2"	238	Sr.	Canton, OH

Defensive Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
26 Bryant, Leonard	CB	5'10"	174	Jr.	Immokalee, FL
20 Clency, Courtney	CB	5'9"	189	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
27 Doyle, Mike	S	5'11"	189	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
1 Gilmore, Jahkeem	DB	6'0"	215	Jr.	Brooklyn, NY
4 Henderson, Ty	S	5'11"	185	Jr.	Sweetser, IN
15 Henry, Cedric	CB	6'0"	195	So.	New Orleans, LA
2 Jones, Herana-Daze	S	5'11"	205	Sr.	Louisville, KY
8 Larkins, Buster	CB	5'11"	185	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
4 Lumpkin, Will	S	5'10"	200	Jr.	Dayton, OH
28 McClurg, Eric	S	5'11"	205	So.	Greenwood, IN
39 Meyers, Will	S	5'11"	200	So.	Chesterfield, MO
25 Miles, Jeremy	S	5'10"	198	So.	Cordova, TN
24 Mitchell, Aaron	DB	5'11"	200	Fr.	South Holland, IL
29 Skelton, Ryan	S	6'2"	200	So.	Greenwood, IN
31 Stone, Luke	S	6'0"	200	Sr.	Goodland, KS

Specialists	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
96 Badgley, Kyle	P	6'0"	183	Fr.	Richmond, IN
44 Beattie, Tyson	P	6'1"	200	So.	Attadale, Australia
5 Braucher, Adam	K	5'7"	191	Sr.	Punta Gorda, FL
5 Grosfield, Troy	K	5'11"	190	So.	Littleton, CO
93 Hines, Michael	K	5'11"	195	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN
91 Robbins, Drew	K	6'0"	185	Fr.	Columbus, IN
18 Robertson, Bryan	K	5'8"	171	Sr.	Seymour, IN
57 Warriner, Kyle	LS	5'9"	240	Sr.	Plainfield, IN

Offense (9)			
WR	80	Travis Haney (Sr.)	84 David Lewis (Sr.)
WR	19	Courtney Roby (Sr.)	2 Tyke Spencer (Jr.)
LT	76	Isaac Sowell (Sr.)	70 Paul Hearn (Fr.)
LG	75	Adam Hines (Jr.)	66 Chris Voltattorni (Sr.)
C	74	Chris Mangiero (So.)	73 Brandon Hatcher (Jr.)
RG	72	Chris Jahnke (Sr.)	50 Jonathan Sandberg (Fr.)
RT	60	Justin Frye (So.)	68 Brandon Joyce (Fr.)
TE	87	Aaron Halterman (Sr.)	89 Chris Rudanovic (So.)
QB	10	Matt LoVecchio (Sr.)	12 Graeme McFarland (So.)
FB	34	John Pannozzo (Jr.)	38 Josiah Sears (Fr.)
HB	7	BenJarvus Green-Ellis (So.)	30 Chris Taylor (Jr.)

Defense (9)			
DE	94	Victor Adeyanju (Jr.)	91 Eli Radke (Sr.)
NT	97	Martin LaPostolle (Sr.)	55 Russ Richardson (Jr.)
DT	56	Jodie Clemons (Sr.)	95 Joe Kremer (Fr.)
DE	92	Kenny Kendal (So.)	99 Ben Ishola (Jr.)
SLB	13	Josh Moore (Sr.)	48 Kevin Smith (Sr.)
MLB	43	Kyle Killion (Jr.)	59 Cleo Harbison (Sr.)
WLB	46	Jake Powers (So.)	6 Paul Szczesny (Jr.)
CB	15	Cedric Henry (So.)	8 Buster Larkins (Jr.)
CB	26	Leonard Bryant (Jr.)	20 Courtney Clency (Jr.)
SS	39	Will Meyers (So.)	28 Eric McClurg (So.)
FS	21	Herana-Daze Jones (Sr.)	29 Ryan Skelton (So.)

Special Teams			
K	18	Bryan Robertson (Sr.)	KR 3 Lance Bennett (So.)
P	44	Tyson Beattie (So.)	PR 3 Lance Bennett (So.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters  
**BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 Signees

James Bailey	WR	6'4"	190	Detroit, MI	Mike Marvis	LB	6'2"	230	Hempfield, PA
Chad Baldwin	OL	6'6"	265	Yorktown, IN	Matt Moses	OL	6'3"	280	Columbus, IN
Greg Brown	OL	6'3"	290	Centerville, OH	Brandon Mosley	DB	5'11"	185	Merrillville, IN
Rayshaun Calhoun	DB	6'0"	180	Atlanta, GA	Chris Phillips	DB	6'1"	185	Atlanta, GA
Sean Edmundson	OL	6'5"	255	Center Grove, IN	Isaac Price	WR	6'3"	195	Southfield, MI
Tywan Freney	WR	6'2"	195	Garden City, NY	DeWayne Roland	OL	6'4"	280	Southfield, MI
Grant Gregory	QB	6'2"	195	Athens, OH	Paul Szczesny	LB	6'0"	240	Niles, IL
James Hardy	WR	6'7"	190	Ft. Wayne, IN	Marcus Thigpen	DB	5'10"	180	Detroit, MI
Jim Jadron	OL	6'5"	280	Joliet, IL	Kyle Thomas	DL	6'4"	250	Bloomington, IN
Kenny Love	DL	6'3"	275	Pennington, NJ	Brian Tracz	LB	6'2"	240	Philadelphia, PA
Leslie Majors	DB	5'10"	160	Harvey, IL	Mike Vlahogorge	QB	6'3"	220	Lafayette, IN
Ryan Marando	LB	6'4"	225	Lakewood, OH	Greg Weeks	RB	6'1"	215	Sarasota, FL

Gerry DiNardo continues to face an uphill battle for in-state prospects, as Purdue continues the native talent pool. But, DiNardo still got his man in 2004 — all-state quarterback Mike Vlahogorge. Billed as the Hoosiers' future under center, Vlahogorge is a prototypical, pro-style passer with great size and arm strength.

DiNardo added five more Indiana preps but ventured beyond the state's borders to grab some more offensive standouts. The Hoosiers swiped two of Michigan's top receivers — James Bailey and Isaac Price. They also signed Jim Jadron, Illinois' finest offensive lineman, Ohio's Greg Brown and DeWayne Roland, another Michigan stand-out, to protect Vlahogorge. On the flipside, DiNardo wants opposing passers under duress and supersized the defensive front by inking Jersey's Kenny Love Jr., a top 60 defensive tackle nationally. Junior college linebacker Paul Szczesny turned heads this spring, and DiNardo loves what he sees in cornerback Rayshaun Calhoun.

## 2003 Results — 2-10 (1-7) Big Ten

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 30	at Connecticut	L	10-34
S. 6	at Washington	L	13-38
S. 13	Indiana State	W	33-3
S. 20	Kentucky	L	17-34
S. 27	at Michigan	L	17-31
O. 4	at Michigan State	L	3-31
O. 11	Northwestern (ot)	L	31-37
O. 25	Ohio State	L	6-35
N. 1	at Minnesota	L	7-55
N. 8	Illinois	W	17-14
N. 15	at Penn State	L	7-52
N. 22	Purdue	L	16-24

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Matt LoVecchio, 291-155-1,778-9, 3 TDs  
**Rushing:** BenJarvus Green-Ellis, 225 car., 938 yds., 7 TDs  
**Receiving:** Courtney Roby, 45 rec., 504 yds., 0 TDs  
**Scoring:** Bryan Robertson, 12 FGs, 19 XPs, 55 points  
**Punting:** Tyson Beattie, 68 punts, 40.8 avg.  
**Kicking:** Bryan Robertson, 12-18 FGs, 19-20 XPs, 55 points  
**Tackles:** Kyle Killion, 97, 65 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Jodie Clemons, 12 for 41 yds.  
**Sacks:** Jodie Clemons, 6  
**Interceptions:** Cedric Henry, 2 for 4 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** Lance Bennett, 18 ret., 22.5 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Lance Bennett, 11 ret., 9.4 avg.





**A**fter proving the prognosticators wrong in each of the past three seasons, the Iowa football team will try to prove them right in 2004. Some believe that Iowa might have the best shot to compete with Michigan and Ohio State for the Big Ten title.

Iowa has won 21-of-26 games — including an impressive 37-17 rout of Florida in the Outback Bowl — and there is reason to believe that more victories are coming. Seven starters return from one of the top defenses in the country, the offensive line is experienced and the coaching staff returns intact.

Kirk Ferentz has lifted the program to the point where it seems to reload instead of rebuild. And while the schedule is challenging, it could be a lot worse. Ohio State, Michigan State, Purdue and Wisconsin will play at Kinnick Stadium, where Iowa is 13-1 over the past two seasons.

"I'm real confident that if we take the proper steps and don't have too many unforeseen things take place, we feel like we're going to have a good football team," Ferentz says. "But we've got a lot of work to do between now and then."

### Quarterbacks

For the first time since 1999, Iowa will not have a senior start the season at quarterback. The Hawkeyes thrived behind a

string of one-hit wonders that featured seniors Nathan Chandler last season, Brad Banks in 2002 and Kyle McCann in 2001.

Now comes a youth movement as sophomores Drew Tate, Jason Manson and Cy Phillips will compete with redshirt freshman Eric McCollom for the starting position. Tate, who is the all-time leading passer in Texas high school history, has the edge at this point after serving as Chandler's backup last season. Manson and McCollom both are athletic and have styles that are similar to that of Banks, the runner-up for the 2002 Heisman Trophy. Phillips is about six inches taller than the other three quarterbacks and is more of a pocket passer.

"I think it's going to be real interesting to see how that whole thing develops," Ferentz says. "I'd make a prediction that we'll go into August ... where we're not quite sure how it's going to shake out."

### Running Backs

Academics, injuries and Fred Russell have kept Jermelle Lewis from fulfilling his vast potential. But that will change this season when Lewis finally becomes the featured back.

Lewis rushed for 709 yards while playing behind Russell as a sophomore in 2002. They were expected to form a potent one-two punch last season until

Lewis suffered a knee injury that caused him to miss the first seven games.

Lewis now is healthy and eager to show why his teammates gave him the nickname "Skills." He runs with more power than Russell and he is just as fast, if not faster.

There is plenty of talent looking up at Lewis on the depth chart, including redshirt freshman Albert Young and junior Marcus Schnoor. Nebraska transfer Marques Simmons also could figure in the mix.

Senior Aaron Mickens and sophomore A.J. Johnson, a tailback last season, will compete for the fullback position.

### Receivers

This is one area where Iowa's ability to reload will be tested. The top two receivers and the starting tight end from last season have to be replaced.

Junior Ed Hinkel suffered through an injury-plagued sophomore season in 2003 after starting all 13 games as a freshman. However, he finished strong by catching three passes for 43 yards in the Outback Bowl.

Speedy sophomore Calvin Davis showed flashes of brilliance last season and is the top returning receiver. He caught 23 passes for 330 yards and one touchdown last season. Davis was a star sprinter in high school, but he is still raw after not



Brian Elmer

## Post-Spring Analysis

### Keys to Contending in the Big Ten

The Hawkeyes need to avoid injuries, especially on defense, to build on the success of the past two seasons. While the four starters on the defensive line are seniors, the four players backing them up are redshirt freshmen who have no game experience. Iowa's talent on defense is comparable to that of Michigan and Ohio State until you get beyond the starters. If the new starting quarterback develops some consistency, the offense should be good enough to get the job done, much like last season. The young quarterbacks have to avoid making mistakes, the offensive line has to show that it can continue to reload and special teams have to continue to be a strength. Iowa has enough firepower and stability within the program to make yet another run at the Big Ten title.

### 2004 Schedule

S. 4	Kent State	W
S. 11	Iowa State	W
S. 18	at Arizona State	W
S. 25	at Michigan	L
O. 2	Michigan State	W
O. 16	Ohio State	*
O. 23	at Penn State	W
O. 30	at Illinois	W
N. 6	Purdue	W
N. 13	at Minnesota	*
N. 20	Wisconsin	*

\*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

**Chad Greenway: Third in the Big Ten with 132 stops in 2003**

Chris Covatta





*Matt Roth*





**Abdul Hodge**

playing football as a junior in high school. He and sophomore James Townsend, a state sprint champion from New Jersey, both have big-play ability. Townsend played in five games last season as a true freshman before suffering a stress fracture in his foot.

Senior Tony Jackson and junior Mike Follett were expected to share the tight end position until Champ Davis entered the picture. Davis, who moved over from fullback during the spring, is more of a playmaker.

## NUMBERS GAME

**55** Iowa's returning quarterbacks have combined for 55 career passing yards — all by Drew Tate.

## Offensive Linemen

Although, it hurts to lose 2003 Outland Trophy winner Robert Gallery, the pickings are hardly slim. Massive senior tackle Peter McMahon started all 13 games last season and appears to be Iowa's next star-in-the-making. Guard Mike Jones earned the rare distinction of starting as a true freshman and should only get better. The player facing the biggest challenge is Lee Gray, who is expected to replace Gallery at left tackle. Gray began to blossom after he switched from defensive tackle last season.

"All Lee has to do is go out and play the best he can, and I think he'll do that, and I think he'll play very well," Ferentz says.

Junior David Walker, who began his career at

Chris Covatta

## RISEING STAR

*Champ Davis has switched to tight end after appearing in five games at fullback as a true freshman last season. The Texas native has many of the same attributes that made Dallas Clark a star at tight end for Iowa in 2002.*

Auburn, likely will start at one of the guard positions, assuming he recovers from an Achilles' tendon injury.

Ferentz's son Brian was expected to start at center for the second year in a row, but he will miss the 2004 season because of a staph infection in his right knee. Sophomore Mike Elgin and junior Ben Cronin will compete for his spot.

## Defensive Linemen

Senior end Matt Roth is back to terrorize quarterbacks, or anyone else who has the football, for one more season. He made first-team All-Big Ten last season after leading the Hawkeyes with 12 sacks

and 16 tackles for a loss.

Senior tackle Jonathan Babineaux was playing well last season until he suffered a leg injury that caused him to miss the final six games. Babineaux, a former fullback, is quicker than most defensive linemen.

Former walk-on Tyler Luebke came on strong at the end of last season, and he now starts at tackle. Derreck Robinson was expected to compete with Matt Neubauer for the other defensive end spot, but that changed when Neubauer quit the team in April.

## Linebackers



This is without question the strongest position on the team, with juniors Abdul Hodge and Chad Greenway leading the way. Hodge led the Big Ten last season with 141 tackles, while Greenway was third with 132 stops.

Senior George Lewis is expected to start at outside linebacker, but he will be pushed for playing time by sophomore Edmond Miles, who starred on special teams last season.

True freshman Kyle Williams was ranked among the top high school linebackers in the country last season and could figure in the rotation.

## Defensive Backs

Big Ten receivers and running backs are breathing a sigh of relief now that All-America strong safety Bob Sanders has moved on to the NFL.

The strength of this year's secondary will be at cornerback, where juniors Jovon Johnson

and Antwan Allen both return as starters. Johnson intercepted six passes last season and four as a freshman. Allen has started 26 consecutive games.

Junior college transfer Walner Belleus will provide depth and more flexibility at the cornerback positions.

Sean Considine returns as the starting free safety, while Marcus Paschal will fill the spot left by Sanders. Miguel Merrick also will contribute at safety after playing well on special teams last season.

## Specialists

Kyle Schlicher has one of the toughest jobs in college football — replacing All-America kicker Nate Kaeding. Schlicher made a 56-yard field goal in high school and has had the luxury of learning from Kaeding the past two years.

Senior David Bradley will punt for the fourth consecutive season. He suffered through a mid-season slump in 2003 but still punted 79 times for a respectable 40.8 average.

Hinkel is steady but not spectacular at returning punts, and there are plenty of game-breakers to return kickoffs.

## Outside the Huddle

**Cleared** An independent investigator ruled in April that the Iowa coaches did nothing to encourage or arrange a sexual encounter with a recruit. The investigation was launched after high school quarterback Nick Patton insinuated in a published report that those things might have happened.

**Unprecedented success** Iowa has won 21 games over the past two seasons, which is the most in school history. The record for victories in back-to-back seasons used to be 19, under former coach Hayden Fry.

**Back to work** Iowa fans have reason to be optimistic given the recent success of the program. Coach Kirk Ferentz just hopes that his players don't start feeling too good about themselves. "I've done a couple dinners, a couple functions and boy, the enthusiasm with our fans right now is great," Ferentz says. "That's fantastic. I'm really glad, and believe me, I don't mind it. I worry about our players getting that feeling, too."

**Quick learner** Mike Jones became the first true freshman to start on the offensive line in five seasons under Ferentz.



**Head Coach: Kirk Ferentz • Record at School: 32-29 (5 years) • Career Record: 44-50 (8 years)**  
**Offensive Coordinator: Ken O'Keefe • Defensive Coordinator: Norm Parker • Iowa City, Iowa • Kinnick Stadium (70,397)**

## 2004 Iowa Roster

## Projected Depth Chart

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
16 Manson, Jason	QB	6'1"	195	So.	Bloomfield, CT
7 McCollom, Eric	QB	6'0"	190	Fr.	Camden, SC
12 Phillips, Cy	QB	6'6"	227	So.	Hoxie, AR
5 Tate, Drew	QB	6'0"	185	So.	Baytown, TX

Running Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
48 Brownlee, Sam	RB	5'10"	198	So.	Emmetsburg, IA
34 Johnson, A.J.	RB	6'0"	234	So.	Bolingbrook, IL
29 Lewis, Jermelle	RB	5'11"	216	So.	Bloomfield, CT
31 Mack, Cory	RB	5'11"	195	So.	Davenport, IA
43 Mickens, Aaron	FB	5'10"	232	Sr.	Copperas Cove, TX
23 Schnoor, Marcus	RB	6'1"	205	Jr.	DeWitt, IA
32 Sherlock, Kevin	RB	5'11"	240	Jr.	Park Ridge, IL
33 Simmons, Marques	RB	5'8"	206	Jr.	Davenport, IA
36 Strube, Taylor	RB	5'10"	232	Fr.	Emmetsburg, IA
47 Wilson, Paul	FB	5'11"	235	Jr.	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
21 Young, Albert	RB	5'10"	207	Fr.	Moorestown, NJ

Receivers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
3 Aldrich, Chris	WR	5'11"	190	Fr.	Oelwein, IA
86 Browning, Shannon	TE	6'4"	237	Fr.	Marshalltown, IA
87 Chandler, Scott	WR	6'7"	231	So.	Southlake, TX
17 Christian, Kennon	WR	6'2"	205	Fr.	Davenport, IA
22 Davis, Calvin	WR	6'1"	199	So.	Iowa City, IA
46 Davis, Champ	TE	6'2"	237	So.	Plano, TX
89 Fanucchi, Tyler	WR	5'10"	183	Fr.	Claremont, CA
49 Foltett, Mike	TE	6'5"	257	Jr.	West Des Moines, IA
82 Gates, Ben	TE	6'6"	261	Jr.	Toledo, IA
4 Grigsby, Herb	WR	6'0"	170	Fr.	Mayflower, AR
11 Hinkel, Ed	WR	6'1"	188	Jr.	Erie, PA
86 Holloway, Warren	WR	5'10"	188	Sr.	Homewood, IL
20 Huisman, Michael	WR	5'11"	201	Fr.	Mason City, IA
81 Jackson, Tony	TE	6'3"	265	Sr.	Ypsilanti, MI
30 Majerus, Ryan	TE	6'3"	228	So.	Oelwein, IA
84 Melloy, Matt	WR	6'3"	211	Jr.	Mt Pleasant, IA
80 Recker, Caleb	WR	6'3"	216	Fr.	Iowa City, IA
14 Riffel, Kyle	WR	6'3"	185	Fr.	Wichita, KS
8 Townsend, James	WR	6'1"	183	So.	Delran, NJ

Offensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
73 Barkema, C.J.	T	6'8"	295	Jr.	Muscataine, IA
68 Bowers, Jacob	OL	6'5"	283	Sr.	Sioux City, IA
63 Bowlsby, John	OL	6'4"	305	Fr.	Eden Prairie, MN
59 Cronin, Ben	G/C	6'5"	288	Jr.	Ames, IA
79 Dollmeyer, Greg	OL	6'8"	284	So.	Cedar Rapids, IA
54 Elgin, Mike	C	6'4"	267	So.	Bankston, IA
64 Felder, Chris	T	6'7"	303	So.	Oelwein, IA
61 Ferentz, Brian	OL	6'2"	282	Jr.	Iowa City, IA
70 Gray, Lee	T	6'6"	315	Jr.	Dallas, TX
77 Huntrods, Clint	OL	6'6"	288	Fr.	Collins, IA
76 Jones, Mike	G	6'5"	304	So.	Oak Lawn, IL
58 Larsen, Blake	G	6'7"	311	Jr.	Atlantic, IA
69 McMahon, Peter	T	6'7"	333	Fr.	Dubuque, IA
76 Plagman, Todd	OL	6'5"	301	Fr.	Carson, IA
58 Reins, George	OL	5'11"	251	Fr.	Buffalo Grove, IL
50 Ryther, Bryan	OL	6'2"	274	So.	Marion, IA
74 Walker, David	G	6'2"	303	Jr.	Fort Lauderdale, FL

Defensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
45 Babineaux, Jonathan	DT	6'2"	287	Sr.	Port Arthur, TX
72 Eshareturi, George	DL	6'3"	305	Fr.	New York, NY
92 Iwebema, Kenny	DE	6'4"	242	Fr.	Arlington, TX
94 Kittrell, Richard	DL	6'5"	302	So.	Hamden, CT
60 Luebke, Tyler	DT	6'1"	278	So.	Iowa City, IA
99 Mattison, Bryan	DE	6'3"	242	Fr.	Mishawaka, IN
98 Robinson, Derreck	DL	6'5"	287	Fr.	Minneapolis, MN
31 Roth, Matt	DL	6'4"	270	Fr.	Villa Park, IL
56 Stork, Robert	DE	6'5"	240	Fr.	Sioux Falls, SD
65 Willcox, Alex	DT	6'2"	280	Fr.	West Des Moines, IA
47 Zilisch, Eric	DL	6'5"	262	So.	Hartland, WI

Linebackers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
35 Busch, Tom	LB	5'11"	231	Fr.	Cottage Grove, MN
46 Chinander, Bret	LB	5'11"	231	Jr.	Allison, IA
51 Gabelmann, Zachary	MLB	6'1"	227	So.	Bettendorf, IA
12 Greenway, Chad	WLB	6'4"	239	Jr.	Mt. Vernon, SD
58 Hodge, Abdul	MLB	6'2"	232	Jr.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
44 Humpal, Mike	WLB	6'2"	227	Fr.	New Hampton, IA
40 Klinkenborg, Mike	LB	6'2"	230	Fr.	Rock Rapids, IA
50 Lewis, George	OLB	6'2"	237	Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
27 Miles, Edmond	OLB	6'1"	222	So.	Tallahassee, FL
21 Spratt, Jacob	LB	6'2"	230	Fr.	Williamsburg, IL
93 Steinbach, Rory	OLB	6'1"	214	So.	Lockport, IL

Defensive Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
20 Allen, Antwan	CB	5'10"	180	Jr.	Tampa, FL
32 Becker, Andrew	FS	6'1"	201	So.	Ankeny, IA
5 Bergan, Tyler	DB	5'11"	198	Fr.	Grinnell, IA
39 Brevi, Chris	DB	6'2"	212	Fr.	Seffner, IL
37 Considine, Sean	FS	6'0"	206	Sr.	Byron, IL
3 Dawkins, Ma'Quan	DB	5'9"	164	So.	Bridgeton, NJ
36 Ejiasi, Chigozie	CB	6'0"	199	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, IA
12 Ita, Brock	DB	6'2"	201	Fr.	Danville, IL
26 Johnson, Jovon	CB	5'9"	177	Jr.	Erie, PA
15 Merrick, Miguel	SS	6'0"	197	So.	Union City, NJ
84 Moylan, Devan	DB	5'10"	195	Fr.	Panorama Terrace, IA
25 Paschal, Marcus	SS	6'0"	205	So.	Largo, FL
9 Price, Khalik	DB	6'2"	198	Fr.	Sicklerville, NJ
14 Shelton, Adolphus	DB	5'10"	188	Jr.	Dallas, TX
8 Vincent, Aaron	DB	6'1"	200	Fr.	Iowa City, IA
41 Williams, Richie	DB	5'10"	177	So.	North Augusta, SC
17 Zanders, Jonathan	DB	6'2"	190	Fr.	Cedar Falls, IA
4 Zaruba, Josh	DB	6'1"	196	So.	Lone Tree, IA
1 Zeal, Andy	DB	5'11"	205	Fr.	Marion, IA

Specialists	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
66 Asmus, Kody	LS	6'2"	240	Sr.	Cedar Falls, IA
28 Bradley, David	P	6'2"	204	Sr.	San Diego, CA
29 Fenstermaker, Andy	P	6'3"	218	Jr.	Mt. Pleasant, IA
91 Gallery, John	P	6'2"	238	Jr.	Masonville, IA
67 Kesselring, Kyle	LS	6'2"	245	Jr.	Iowa City, IA
16 Olstza, Daniel	LS	5'11"	205	Fr.	New Lenox, IL
1 Schlicher, Kyle	K	5'9"	184	So.	Ankeny, IA

Offense (2)			
SE	22	Calvin Davis (So.)	86 Warren Holloway (Sr.)
WR	11	Ed Hinkel (Jr.)	84 Matt Melloy (Jr.)
LT	70	Lee Gray (Jr.)	73 C.J. Barkema (Jr.)
LG	76	Mike Jones (So.)	59 Ben Cronin (Jr.)
C	54	Mike Elgin (So.)	59 Ben Cronin (Jr.)
RG	74	David Walker (Jr.)	58 Blake Larsen (Jr.)
RT	69	Pete McMahon (Sr.)	64 Chris Felder (So.)
TE	46	Champ Davis (So.)	81 Tony Jackson (Sr.)
QB	5	Drew Tate (So.)	16 Jason Manson (So.)
FB	43	Aaron Mickens (Sr.)	34 A.J. Johnson (So.)
RB	29	Jermelle Lewis (Sr.)	23 Marcus Schnoor (Jr.)

Defense (7)			
DE	98	Derreck Robinson (Sr.)	99 Bryan Mattison (Fr.)
DT	60	Tyler Luebke (Sr.)	65 Alex Willcox (Fr.)
DT	45	Jonathan Babineaux (Sr.)	98 Derreck Robinson (Sr.)
DE	31	Matt Roth (Sr.)	99 Bryan Mattison (Fr.)
OLB	50	George Lewis (Sr.)	27 Edmond Miles (So.)
MLB	52	Abdul Hodge (Jr.)	51 Zach Gabelmann (So.)
WLB	18	Chad Greenway (Jr.)	44 Mike Humpal (Fr.)
CB	20	Antwan Allen (Jr.)	6 Walner Belleus (Jr.)
CB	26	Jovon Johnson (Jr.)	36 Chigozie Ejiasi (Sr.)
SS	25	Marcus Paschal (So.)	15 Miguel Merrick (So.)
FS	37	Sean Considine (Sr.)	32 Andrew Becker (So.)

Special Teams			
K	1	Kyle Schlicher (So.)	KR 29 Jermelle Lewis (Sr.)
P	28	David Bradley (Sr.)	PR 11 Ed Hinkel (Jr.)

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**BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 Signees

Nyere Aumaitre	OL	6'5"	300	Camden, NJ	Mitch King	LB	6'3"	230	Burlington, IA
Walner Belleus	DB	5'11"	180	Immokalee, FL	Matt Kroul	LB	6'2"	240	Mt. Vernon, IA
Ted Bentler	DL	6'4"	245	Davenport, IA	Grant McCracken	DL	6'3"	215	Ankeny, IA
Andy Brodell	WR	6'3"	185	Ankeny, IA	Brandon Myers	TE	6'4"	220	Prairie City, IA
Lucas Cox	DL	6'4"	240	Springdale, PA	Anton Narinskiy	LB	6'4"	220	Chargin Falls, OH
Harold Dalton	DB	6'1"	185	Camden, NJ	Seth Olsen	OL	6'5"	305	Omaha, NE
Rashad Dunn	OL	6'3"	270	Evans, GA	Michael Sabers	TE	6'5"	230	Iowa City, IA
Bradley Fletcher	DB	6'2"	185	Youngstown, OH	Adam Shada	DB	6'1"	180	Omaha, NE
Charles Godfrey	DB	6'1"	200	Baytown, TX	Damian Sims	RB	5'9"	185	Boca Raton, FL
Shonn Greene	RB	5'11"	190	Sicklerville, NJ	Kyle Williams	LB	6'2"	220	Bolingbrook, IL

While Iowa didn't sign a quarterback and missed out on a few major recruits, including center Jeff Byers who signed with USC, the class is still solid.

The Hawkeyes signed four linebackers, led by Kyle Williams, and three offensive linemen, including Omaha native Seth Olsen, who had committed to Nebraska. Williams and Olsen both earned *Parade* All-America honors.

The Iowa coaches have shown the ability to identify players who slip under the recruiting radar screen. Offensive lineman Rashad Dunn from Georgia is the latest to fall into that category. Ohio defensive back Bradley Fletcher is another sleeper and was also an all-state basketball player.

The Hawkeyes kept seven in-state prospects at home, including two tight ends — Michael Sabers from Iowa City and Brandon Myers from Prairie City.

## 2003 Results — 10-3 (5-3 Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 30	Miami (OH)	W	21-3
S. 6	Buffalo	W	56-7
S. 13	at Iowa State	W	40-21
S. 20	Arizona State	W	21-2
S. 27	at Michigan State	L	10-20
O. 4	Michigan	W	30-27
O. 18	at Ohio State	L	10-19
O. 25	Penn State	W	26-14
N. 1	Illinois	W	41-10
N. 8	at Purdue	L	14-27
N. 15	Minnesota	W	40-22
N. 22	at Wisconsin	W	27-21
J. 1	#Florida	W	37-17
	#Outback Bowl		

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Drew Tate, 11-6-55-0, 1 TD  
**Rushing:** Jermelle Lewis, 46 car., 241 yds., 1 TD  
**Receiving:** Calvin Davis, 23 rec., 330 yds., 1 TD  
**Scoring:** Matt Melloy, 3 TDs, 18 points  
**Punting:** David Bradley, 79 punts, 40.8 avg.  
**Kicking:** None  
**Tackles:** Abdul Hodge, 141, 83 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Matt Roth, 16 for 92 yds.  
**Sacks:** Matt Roth, 12  
**Interceptions:** Jovon Johnson, 6 for 81 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** Marcus Schnoor, 5 ret., 17.8 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Ed Hinkel, 3 ret., 6.7 avg.



**T**he pressure to qualify for the Bowl Championship Series never goes away at Michigan. It just eases up a bit at times, depending upon circumstances and recent results. This is one of those seasons. After ending a two-year losing streak against Ohio State and playing in the Rose Bowl for the first time in six seasons, the Wolverines enter the 2004 season as a more relaxed bunch.

With a new quarterback and uncertainty at running back and the defensive line, they also have convenient excuses should they fall short of their goals to win the Big Ten title and national championship. Make no mistake, though, the Wolverines have the experience, depth and schedule to gain another BCS bid.

They have 12 returning starters, including three All-America candidates in wide receiver Braylon Edwards, cornerback Marlin Jackson and guard David Baas. Several other returnees saw regular duty during a 10-3 season that was only slightly marred by the 28-14 thumping they received from USC in Pasadena.

### Quarterbacks

As the man who juggled Tom Brady and Drew Henson for two seasons, Lloyd Carr never shies from quarterback controversies. But in an atmosphere that demands perfection, Matt Gutierrez seems like a perfect fit.

Gutierrez, John Navarre's understudy the past two seasons, never lost a game as a three-year starter for prep powerhouse De La Salle. Gutierrez is more athletic and quicker than Navarre and displayed accuracy (68 percent) in limited appearances last season. The biggest questions surrounding Gutierrez are his ability to handle adversity and throw the deep ball.

Clayton Richard, a lefty, is nearly the same size as Gutierrez but concedes a year of experience. Spencer Brinton was granted a sixth year of eligibility but is not considered a serious threat for the starting job. Prized recruit Chad Henne might be better than all of them, but Michigan doesn't play true freshmen at quarterback.

### Running Backs

The most closely watched competition in camp will be at tailback. The objective is to find another workhorse in the mold of Chris Perry and Anthony Thomas. "I would always prefer to have a guy that steps forward and seizes the position," Carr says.

A platoon is more likely. David Underwood looms as the slight favorite, but he was never able to secure the second-string role the past two seasons. Tim Bracken has yet to regain the speed and explosion he showed before breaking his leg in preseason camp three seasons ago. Jerome Jackson, who shined in the Spring

Game, may not have the size to handle a heavy workload but he's capable of breaking long gains. Pierre Rembert adds power to the mix, and true freshmen Max Martin and Mike Hart will also receive long looks.

Kevin Dudley and Brian Thompson could alternate once again at fullback, though Carr believes redshirt freshman Jim Presley may develop into an all-purpose threat. Dudley is strictly used as a lead blocker, while Thompson is a checkdown option when the receivers are covered.

### Receivers

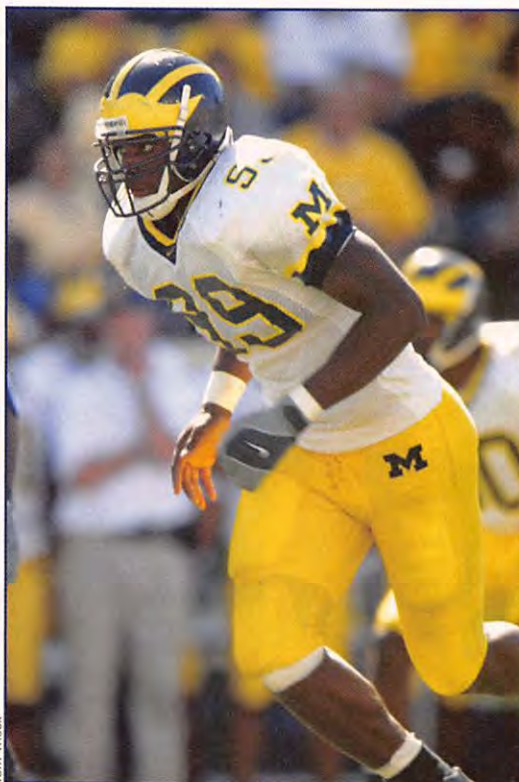


With Edwards, this unit may have no peer in the nation. His decision to return for his senior season gives the Wolverines a three-layered treat for their new starting quarterback. Edwards, who has posted back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons, is a big-game player with a lethal combination of size, speed and separation skills.

Jason Avant, a possession receiver, is fearless across the middle and throws better blocks than many 300-pounders. Steve Breaston is as dangerous as Edwards in the open field, though he runs mainly short and intermediate routes.

Carl Tabb, the fourth option, would start for virtually any other Big Ten team.

Tyler Ecker, a 6'6" target, showed good hands late last season and will battle Tim



Tom Truick

## Post-Spring Analysis

### Keys to a BCS Bowl

With a dynamite receiving corps and six returning starters on defense, Michigan is well-equipped for another Big Ten title run. Everything hinges on how well the new quarterback and tailback perform. QB Matt Gutierrez has the physical tools and surrounding talent to succeed immediately. There will still be some bumps along the way and he'll have to deal with the impatient Michigan faithful. Lloyd Carr doesn't like to platoon his tailbacks but may have to unless someone emerges from a crowded field. The young defensive line must prove it can stop the run and prevent teams from grinding out long drives. Michigan's non-conference schedule isn't overly demanding, setting up a probable nine- or 10-win regular season. The final two road games, at Purdue and Ohio State, will determine the Wolverines' postseason fate.

### 2004 Schedule

S. 4	Miami (OH)	W
S. 11	at Notre Dame	W
S. 18	San Diego State	W
S. 25	Iowa	W
O. 2	at Indiana	W
O. 9	Minnesota	W
O. 16	at Illinois	W
O. 23	at Purdue	W
O. 30	Michigan State	W
N. 13	Northwestern	W
N. 20	at Ohio State	*

\*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season. W or L indicates a projected win or loss

**Pierre Woods: Seven sacks, 14 tackles for a loss in 2003**





*Braylon Edwards*





**Steve Breaston**

Massaquoi for the tight end job. Massaquoi caught 15 passes but dropped nearly half that many and needs to improve his blocking.

## Offensive Linemen

Replacements must be found at center and right tackle, but the Wolverines have two strong building blocks in guards David Baas and Matt Lentz. Baas, a two-time All-Big Ten first team selection at left guard, is a punishing run blocker with a nasty streak. Lentz, the team's strongest man, also provides a strong push up the middle. Mark Bihl and Leo Henige Jr. are the top candidates at center, though Carr is contemplating moving Baas to center.

## NUMBERS GAME

**170** Michigan's returning wide receivers — Braylon Edwards, Jason Avant and Steve Breaston — caught 170 passes last season. That's a per-game average of 13.1.

Adam Stenavich returns at left tackle but has to become a consistent pass-blocker. Carr believes Jake Long has all-conference potential at right tackle, but Long must fight off challenges from Mike Kolodziej and Rueben Riley.

## Defensive Linemen

LaMarr Woodley, the team's top recruit in 2003, made the switch from linebacker to defensive end in his freshman year. The Wolverines are now hoping he can anchor a

Chris Covatta

## Linebackers

Returnees Lawrence Reid and Pierre Woods led the team in tackles last season,

and the Wolverines shouldn't have any trouble filling an opening at inside linebacker. Reid doesn't do anything flashy but finds his way to the football. Woods, who had a team-high 14 tackles for a loss and seven sacks last season, creates havoc in the backfield and forces teams to use an extra blocker on passing downs.

Scott McClintock is the most experienced candidate for the other starting job, but he'll face fierce opposition from converted safety Prescott Burgess and redshirt freshman Shawn Crable. Roy Manning and David Harris, who missed most of last season with a knee injury, make this a very deep group.

## Defensive Backs

Jackson never really wanted to be a safety. He played the position last season at the coaching staff's request. Jackson feels he's back at home playing cornerback. He suffered through a controversy-filled and injury plagued junior season, missing four-plus games and picking off just two passes. With Jackson's reputation as a shutdown corner, quarterbacks will try to pick on Markus Curry and Leon Hall.

Curry won enough one-on-one battles last season to be named to the All-Big Ten second team, while Hall showed playmaking skills as a nickel back. Hall had off-season shoulder surgery but is expected to be at full strength for training camp.

Safety Ernest Shazor is a fearsome hitter, though he occasionally irks his coaches by getting caught out of position. Willis Barringer, who made five starts last season, heads the list

## RISING STAR

Linebacker **Shawn Crable** would have played during his true freshman season if not for a slow-healing shoulder injury. Lloyd Carr saw enough of Crable in training camp to expect immediate contributions. A track sprinter in high school, the 6'5" Crable has the speed to pursue backs sideline to sideline.

of candidates at the other safety spot. He'll be pushed by Jacob Stewart and Ryan Mundy.

## Specialists

If Breaston gets a chance to field a punt, he represents extreme danger to the opposition. Breaston, who set the Michigan single-season record for punt return yardage last season, returned two punts for touchdowns and had two others called back by penalties.

Garrett Rivas and Adam Finley give the Wolverines stability and production in the kicking game. Rivas connected on 9-of-12 field-goal attempts as a freshman and did not miss a kick inside 40 yards.

Punter Finley, a three-year starter, endured first-half struggles behind poor protection but did a quality job of pinning down the opposition during the six-game winning streak.

## Outside the Huddle

**Poetry in motion** Steve Breaston's creativity extends beyond the field. The electrifying receiver writes poetry in his spare time, focusing on off-the-field experiences and viewpoints. "I do a lot of daydreaming," Breaston says, "so it all comes naturally." Lloyd Carr read one of Breaston's poems during a weekly press conference.

**Commitment** Rumors swirled during the Rose Bowl that Carr, who will be 59 when the '04 season opens, was contemplating an early retirement. But Carr, entering his 10th season as head coach, squashed that talk over the winter. He plans to stick around at least through his current contract, which runs through the 2008 season.

**Turning off the AC?** Braylon Edwards could set numerous Michigan receiving records this season. He needs 14 receiving touchdowns to surpass Anthony Carter's school-record of 37. With 866 receiving yards, Edwards will also break Carter's record of 3,076 yards. He needs just 22 receptions to break Marquise Walker's record of 176 career catches.

**Target practice** Freshman Clayton Richard made the national highlights months before his arrival in Ann Arbor. During a home run competition in Fort Wayne, Ind., Richard hit a drive that not only cleared the fence but also smashed the back window of a moving Cadillac.



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A23 Pre Season Game of Yr:	Bills (-2) Rams	28-24 W
S13 Granddaddy Favorite of Yr:	Oregon (-11 1/2) Arizona	48-10 W
O19 NFL Upset of Yr:	Chargers (+5 1/2) Browns	26-20 W
N 8 Revenge Game of Yr:	Stanford (+2) Ariz St	38-27 W
N30 NFL Play of Yr:	Bears (-4 1/2) Cardinals	28-3 W
D20 NFL Totals Play of Yr:	Ravens/Steelers under 38	13-10 W
D30 Bowl Totals of the Yr:	Wash St/Texas under 58	28-20 W
J 2 Bowl Game of Yr:	Clemson (+4 1/2) Tennessee	27-14 W
J10 Playoff Game of Yr:	Panthers (+7 1/2) Rams	29-23 W
J18 Playoff Totals of Yr:	Panthers/Eagles under 36 1/2	14-3 W

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## 2004 Michigan Roster

## Projected Depth Chart

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
7 Brinton, Spencer	QB	6'5"	223	Sr.	Hemet, CA
12 Gutierrez, Matt	QB	6'4"	230	So.	Concord, CA
13 Kastl, Jeff	QB	6'3"	218	So.	Clinton Township, MI
10 Richard, Clayton	QB	6'4"	227	Fr.	Lafayette, IN
8 Wilde, Matt	QB	6'2"	202	So.	Troy, MI

Running Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
41 Bracken, Tim	TB	5'9"	206	Jr.	White Castle, LA
26 Bradley, Alijah	HB	5'6"	171	So.	Hercules, CA
9 Campbell, Antwon	HB	5'11"	192	Fr.	O'Fallon, MO
32 Dudley, Kevin	FB	6'1"	237	Sr.	Brookville, IN
44 Eldridge, Jason	RB	5'8"	175	Jr.	Oxford, MI
33 Hamel, Scott	RB	5'10"	200	Jr.	Rye, NY
24 Jackson, Jerome	RB	5'11"	198	So.	Saginaw, MI
40 Oluigbo, Obi	FB	6'0"	243	Jr.	Laurel, MD
46 Presley, James	FB	6'2"	231	Fr.	Milford, MI
27 Rembert, Pierre	RB	6'0"	213	So.	Milwaukee, WI
35 Thompson, Brian	FB	6'2"	235	So.	Saginaw, MI
5 Underwood, David	TB	6'0"	227	Sr.	Madisonville, TX

Receivers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
8 Avant, Jason	WR	6'1"	209	Jr.	Chicago, IL
15 Breaston, Steve	WR	6'1"	181	So.	North Braddock, PA
45 Cischke, Brad	WR	6'4"	202	Jr.	Troy, MI
89 Ecker, Tyler	TE	6'6"	249	So.	El Dorado Hills, CA
1 Edwards, Braylon	WR	6'3"	206	Sr.	Detroit, MI
86 Fisher, Jim	TE	6'5"	255	Jr.	Huron, OH
18 Gonzales, Jermaine	WR	6'2"	210	Sr.	Pontiac, MI
14 Jordan II, Tyrone	WR	5'10"	185	So.	Flushing, MI
82 Mandich, Mike	TE	6'3"	245	Sr.	Miami Lakes, FL
88 Massaquoi, Tim	TE	6'4"	249	Jr.	Allentown, PA
80 Matsos, Chris	WR	6'0"	209	Jr.	New Boston, MI
84 Murphy, Kevin	TE	6'5"	253	So.	Grand Rapids, MI
12 Smith, Landon	WR	5'8"	162	So.	San Jose, CA
94 Studenski, Matt	TE	6'3"	227	Sr.	Troy, MI
17 Tabb, Carl	WR	6'2"	193	So.	Ann Arbor, MI

Offensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
75 Baas, David	G	6'5"	307	Sr.	Sarasota, FL
63 Bell, Derek	G	6'4"	276	Jr.	Holland, MI
71 Berishaj, Tom	OL	6'4"	328	So.	Sterling Heights, MI
54 Bihl, Mark	C	6'4"	301	So.	Washington Court House, OH
61 Booth, Turner	OL/LS	6'2"	260	So.	Baltimore, MD
65 Henige Jr., Leo	G	6'4"	331	Jr.	Chesaning, MI
76 Kolodziej, Mike	T	6'7"	319	So.	Joliet, IL
57 Kraus, Adam	G	6'6"	291	Fr.	New Orleans, LA
67 Lentz, Matt	G	6'6"	316	Jr.	Ortonville, MI
77 Long, Jake	T	6'7"	331	Fr.	Lapeer, MI
72 Riley, Rueben	T	6'3"	311	So.	Grand Rapids, MI
69 Schoonover, David	OL	6'3"	276	Sr.	DeWitt, MI
68 Sharrow, Patrick	OL	6'4"	287	Fr.	Monroe, MI
79 Stenavich, Adam	T	6'5"	313	Jr.	Marshfield, WI

Defensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
91 Biggs, Rondell	DE	6'2"	268	So.	Southfield, MI
96 Harrison, Larry	DT	6'3"	313	So.	Detroit, MI
53 Hull, David	DE	6'1"	264	Fr.	Plymouth, MI
94 Massey, Pat	DE	6'8"	276	Jr.	Brecksville, OH
93 Ofili, Alex	DT	6'4"	289	Jr.	Ypsilanti, MI
92 Paul, William	DT	6'3"	264	Fr.	Chesterfield, MO
66 Sarantos, Paul	DL	6'3"	261	So.	Portage, MI
50 Van Alstyne, Jeremy	DL	6'4"	258	So.	Greenwood, IN
78 Watson, Gabe	DT	6'4"	333	Jr.	Novi, MI
56 Woodley, LaMarr	DE	6'2"	268	So.	Saginaw, MI

Linebackers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
6 Burgess, Prescott	ILB	6'3"	223	So.	Warren, OH
15 Cartwright, Chip	LB	6'1"	226	Jr.	Hartford, MI
2 Crable, Shawn	OLB	6'5"	234	Fr.	Massillon, OH
45 Harris, David	LB	6'2"	246	So.	Grand Rapids, MI
51 Jansen, Jeff	LB	6'2"	240	Fr.	Jackson, MI
34 Leoni, Joe	LB	5'11"	220	Jr.	Grand Blanc, MI
58 Manning, Roy	OLB	6'2"	240	Sr.	Saginaw, MI
36 McClintock, Scott	LB	6'2"	243	Jr.	Belle Vernon, PA
28 Moore, Dan	LB	6'0"	226	So.	Canton, MI
49 Myers, Kyle	LB	6'0"	213	Sr.	Belleville, MI
97 Pollock, Max	LB	6'1"	215	So.	Takoma Park, MD
55 Read, Jeremy	LB	6'1"	221	Sr.	San Diego, CA
42 Reid, Lawrence	LB	6'1"	219	Jr.	Pickerington, OH
59 Sarantos, Joey	LB	6'3"	231	Jr.	Portage, MI
99 Woods, Pierre	OLB	6'5"	248	Jr.	Cleveland, OH

Defensive Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
19 Barringer, Willis	S	6'0"	201	So.	Toledo, OH
26 Carl, Mike	CB	6'0"	208	Jr.	Troy, MI
30 Curry, Markus	DB	5'11"	183	Sr.	Detroit, MI
31 Englemon, Brandant	DB	5'11"	197	Fr.	Covington, KY
29 Hall, Leon	CB	5'11"	193	So.	Vista, CA
4 Hood, Darnell	CB	5'11"	191	So.	Detroit, MI
3 Jackson, Marlin	CB	6'1"	199	Sr.	Sharon, PA
13 Mason, Grant	DB	6'0"	194	Sr.	Pontiac, MI
20 McCoy, Quinton	DB	5'9"	167	Fr.	Waterford, MI
21 Mundy, Ryan	S	6'1"	209	So.	Wilkins Township, PA
38 Opong-Owusu, B.J.	DB	5'11"	197	So.	West Bloomfield, MI
22 Plummer, Kyle	DB	5'10"	161	So.	Milford, MI
25 Shazor, Ernest	S	6'4"	226	Jr.	Detroit, MI
28 Stewart, Jacob	S	6'0"	212	Jr.	Ypsilanti, MI

Specialists	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
17 Bloomsburg, James	K	5'10"	195	Jr.	Berkeley, CA
39 Finley, Adam	P	6'4"	209	Sr.	Greenwood, IN
52 Mann, Ross	LS	6'1"	242	Sr.	Pikeville, KY
31 Moore, Craig	K	5'10"	178	Jr.	San Diego, CA
10 Nienberg, Troy	K	6'2"	171	Sr.	Glandorf, OH
38 Rivas, Garrett	K	5'9"	210	So.	Tampa, FL
3 Ryan, Ross	P	6'0"	210	So.	Franklin, MI
2 Spencer, Mark	P	6'0"	215	So.	Ann Arbor, MI

Offense (6)				
WR	1	Braylon Edwards (Sr.)	17	Carl Tabb (So.)
WR	8	Jason Avant (Jr.)	15	Steve Breaston (So.)
LT	79	Adam Stenavich (Jr.)	72	Rueben Riley (So.)
LG	75	David Baas (Sr.)	63	Derek Bell (Jr.)
C	54	Mark Bihl (So.)	65	Leo Henige Jr. (Jr.)
RG	67	Matt Lentz (Jr.)	57	Adam Kraus (Fr.)
RT	77	Jake Long (Fr.)	76	Mike Kolodziej (So.)
TE	89	Tyler Ecker (So.)	88	Tim Massaquoi (Jr.)
QB	12	Matt Gutierrez (So.)	10	Clayton Richard (Fr.)
FB	32	Kevin Dudley (Sr.)	35	Brian Thompson (So.)
TB	5	David Underwood (Sr.)	41	Tim Bracken (Sr.)

Defense (6)				
DE	56	LaMarr Woodley (So.)	91	Rondell Biggs (So.)
DT	96	Larry Harrison (So.)	93	Alex Ofili (Jr.)
DT	78	Gabe Watson (Jr.)	92	Will Paul (Fr.)
DE	94	Pat Massey (Jr.)	91	Rondell Biggs (So.)
OLB	99	Pierre Woods (Jr.)	58	Roy Manning (Sr.)
ILB	42	Lawrence Reid (Jr.)	6	Prescott Burgess (So.)
ILB	36	Scott McClintock (Jr.)	2	Shawn Crable (Fr.)
CB	3	Marlin Jackson (Sr.)	4	Darnell Hood (So.)
CB	30	Markus Curry (Sr.)	29	Leon Hall (So.)
S	25	Ernest Shazor (Jr.)	21	Ryan Mundy (So.)
S	19	Willis Barringer (So.)	28	Jacob Stewart (Jr.)

Special Teams					
K	38	Garrett Rivas (So.)	KR	17	Carl Tabb (So.)
P	39	Adam Finley (Sr.)	PR	15	Steve Breaston (So.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters  
**BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 Signees

Jamar Adams	DB	6'3"	200	Charlotte, NC	Chad Henne	QB	6'3"	215	Wyomissing, PA
Roger Allison	RB	6'1"	230	Lake Orion, MI	Tim Jamison	DL	6'3"	230	Riverdale, IL
Adrian Arrington	WR	6'2"	175	Cedar Rapids, IA	Will Johnson	DL	6'4"	285	Oakland, MI
Alan Branch	DL	6'6"	325	Rio Rancho, NM	Max Martin	RB	6'2"	210	Madison, AL
Keston Cheatham	DB	6'3"	185	Miraloma, CA	Mike Massey	TE	6'4"	215	Brecksville, OH
Jeremy Ciulla	OL	6'5"	275	Kennesaw, GA	Alex Mitchell	OL	6'5"	305	Reese, MI
Grant DeBenedictis	OL	6'4"	270	Boca Raton, FL	Chris Rogers	DL	6'3"	245	Wexford, PA
Doug Dutch	WR	6'0"	190	Bowie, MD	Charles Stewart	DB	6'1"	185	Southfield, MI
Brett Gallimore	OL	6'6"	305	Parkville, MO	John Thompson	LB	6'0"	215	Detroit, MI
Christopher Graham	LB	5'10"	205	Indianapolis, IN	Morgan Trent	WR	6'1"	175	Brighton, MI
Michael Hart	RB	5'9"	185	Syracuse, NY	Marques Walton	DL	6'0"	275	Chicago, IL

Pennsylvania native Chad Henne broke the hearts of Penn State fans when he signed with the Wolverines. Henne, considered one of the nation's top five quarterback prospects, will need at least a year in the system before challenging for a starting role. Running backs Max Martin and Mike Hart could make a swifter impact. The 6'2" Martin fits the Michigan mold of a big, bruising tailback. The 5'9" Hart, who set national records at his small New York school, has drawn comparisons to Barry Sanders with his shifty moves.

The Wolverines signed five defensive linemen to replenish an area depleted by graduation. At least one, perhaps 6'6", 325-pound Alan Branch, should see immediate action. Michigan added depth at wide receiver, defensive back and the offensive line by signing at least three players for each unit.

## 2003 Results — 10-3 (7-1 Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 30	Central Michigan	W	45-7
S. 6	Houston	W	50-3
S. 13	Notre Dame	W	38-0
S. 20	at Oregon	L	27-31
S. 27	Indiana	W	31-17
O. 4	at Iowa	L	27-30
O. 10	at Minnesota	W	38-35
O. 18	Illinois	W	56-14
O. 25	Purdue	W	31-3
N. 1	at Michigan State	W	27-20
N. 15	at Northwestern	W	41-10
N. 22	Ohio State	W	35-21
J. 1	#USC	L	14-28
#Rose Bowl			

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Matt Gutierrez, 19-13-153-0, 1 TD  
**Rushing:** David Underwood, 52 car., 270 yds., 2 TDs  
**Receiving:** Braylon Edwards, 85 rec., 1,138 yds., 14 TDs  
**Scoring:** Braylon Edwards, 14 TDs, 86 points  
**Punting:** Adam Finley, 53 punts, 40.0 avg.  
**Kicking:** Garrett Rivas, 9-12 FGs, 50-51 XPs, 77 points  
**Tackles:** Lawrence Reid, 82, 53 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Pierre Woods, 14 for 50 yds.  
**Sacks:** Pierre Woods, 7  
**Interceptions:** Leon Hall, 3 for 3 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** Steve Breaston, 9 ret., 21.2 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Steve Breaston, 45 ret., 13.8 avg.



# w/braylon edwards

Heisman winner Desmond Howard, Anthony Carter, Amani Toomer, Derrick Alexander, David Terrell and Tai Streets are just some of the star-quality receivers to wear the Wolverine uniform. Braylon Edwards belongs with that group. He could set school records for receptions, receiving touchdowns and yardage this season, and he also has a chance to become the first receiver in Big Ten history to have three 1,000-yard seasons. Athlon caught up with Edwards after spring practice.

**You came close to entering the NFL Draft this winter. What made you return for your senior season?**

Coming out this year, there was definitely uncertainty where I would go (in the draft), regardless of how I performed at the combine. It was too much uncertainty what could happen. The possibility of sinking to the third round, the possibility of being in the first round — there was just too much uncertainty. I felt coming back another year would definitely give me a chance to polish my skills, have a stronger year and lead this Michigan team. And that would help me in next year's draft.

**You're in position to break some of the Michigan receiving records. What would that mean to you?**

That would be one of the greatest joys that could happen. My father (running back Stanley Edwards) played here, so I've been around Michigan all my life, from Anthony Carter to Derrick Alexander to David Terrell, Marquise Walker, Amani Toomer, Tai Streets ... to be above all those people on the list of records would be a great achievement.

**Is any other receiving corps as strong or as dangerous as yours?**

Like everyone says and we say every day in practice, we have one of the best receiving corps in the nation. Not so much our playmaking ability but it's how we work together. Jason (Avant), Steve (Breaston) and I, we click as a unit. We see things out there and we adjust to them as a unit.

**What are your personal goals this season?**

One of my goals is to leave it all on the field. After the season is over, I don't want to look back and say 'I could have run a little harder on this play' or 'I could have blocked this guy on this play' or 'I could have given a little more in this game.' I want to be able to say I left it all on the field.

**You received some public criticism from your coach, Lloyd Carr, early last season. Do you plan to fly under the radar as a senior?**

Definitely. I want everything to be positive. I want everything to be moving forward, not backward, not standing still. But being in a situation like this and wearing a number (1) like this, it's never just going to be all positive. My job is to just always stay calm, always stay cool and always do what I know I should do.

**Other than wide receiver, what position do you respect the most?**

I love safeties. They're like the quarterbacks of the defense. They have to watch the whole play, they call out the checks. They have to come down full speed on running backs and sometimes, running backs are coming full speed at them. They have to make that contact, they have to make that hit. That's a position I used to play in high school, so I love safeties.

**Who is the best player in your conference?**

I have to go with (Michigan defensive back) Marlin Jackson and The Trio — Braylon, Jason and Steve.



Joe Robbins

**Why did you sign with Michigan?**

The tradition and the respect for the players even after their careers are over, what a degree from here means. There's so much more than football. The friendships and alliances you can make while you're here — meeting older guys that have been here that can say 'After football, come talk to me and my company. I have a billion dollar a year company.' Making those friendships and being in this environment. There's nothing better than Ann Arbor.

**Could you have been a college basketball player?**

Definitely. I could have been a hustle man, getting the rebounds and steals and passing the ball to the guards, like a short Ben Wallace.

**As an athlete, do you feel a part of the student body or do football players feel like a separate entity?**

Separate entities. A lot of students see us as exceptions to the rule. They feel as though we're given certain things. They feel like we don't have to work as hard as they do, so a lot of times they're envious of us.

**What would be your dream job?**

My dream job would be to make money while I was sleeping.

**What hobbies do you have?**

I'm a student of movies. I can recite lines from a lot of movies. I like going bowling and golfing, too. Those are fun sports for me.

**What's the first thing you'll buy with an NFL contract?**

I'm going to buy my mother and father a big Thank You card for getting me to this point. But my next goal would be a car — a Bentley.

**What do you plan to do after your football career ends?**

I want to be a color analyst. I feel as though I can speak well. I feel as though it would be fun to be on TV and commenting on other athletes, especially with me being a student of the game and loving the game.





In year two of John L. Smith's rebuilding job, the goals remain unchanged — have a winning season, go to a bowl game, and compete for a championship.

Big Ten title contention is unlikely. But Smith expects continued success.

"It's vital that you step up and win and go to another bowl game," Smith says. "And that's possible."

Smith no longer has to convince his players they can win. With 13 returning starters, dangerous receivers, an attacking defense and a nice assortment of linemen, Michigan State should be in the bowl picture. However, major questions at quarterback and running back soften preseason expectations.

"The defense is going to have to carry us for at least the first half of the season, until the offense matures," Smith says. "It's hard to put any pressure on that offensive group just because there are so many young guys over there, and we are very thin everywhere."

### Quarterbacks

Drew Stanton and redshirt freshman Stephen Reaves are competing to replace Jeff Smoker's 3,395 yards passing.

The new quarterback probably will not surpass the 300-yard mark six times, like Smoker did. But Smith says one of the quarterbacks will emerge as an effective

pilot of Michigan State's one-back spread. "It took Jeff until halfway through the season before the light went on," Smith says. "I think the light will go on for one of these guys at some point this year. They are both going to be real capable players, without a doubt."

Stanton sustained a knee injury while playing on punt coverage in the Alamo Bowl and saw limited reps in the spring. He has an edge in accuracy, but the coaches want him to be less mechanical and quicker with his delivery.

The left-handed Reaves has a quick release, good zip and a swashbuckling nature. "I like the way the ball comes out of his hand," says quarterbacks coach Doug Nussmeier.

### Running Backs

Tyrell Dorch and Jaren Hayes moved to defense, taking their combined 888 yards rushing with them.

Kickoff return demon DeAndra Cobb and bullish redshirt freshman Jehuu Caulcrick bring horsepower to the running back position. However, they are unproven. The Spartans ranked last in the Big Ten in rushing but have put great emphasis on that area.

"We have to run the ball better, and I think we will," says offensive coordinator Dave Baldwin. "I like our attitude in how

we are going about it with both the blocking up front and the reads."

Cobb is the fastest player on the team, but the former junior college transfer has suspect hands. Caulcrick has power and speed. Both players are getting a crash course on decisions and vision.

Smallish third-stringer Jason Teague is consistent but unspectacular.

### Receivers

Hayes takes his 48 receptions to the defense. But Baldwin expects another running back to step up and produce similar numbers. Five other players had at least 25 receptions, and all return.

Small slot man Agim Shabaj approached 60 catches despite wearing down late in the season. He lifted hard in the off-season, hoping to become more durable. Tall possession receiver Aaron Alexander was the team's best target in the last four games, despite playing with a bad foot. He has good hands and leadership qualities. He should be faster after foot surgery.

Matt Trannon has the height and strength to be a mismatch receiver. Coaches expect more frequent flashes of talent from him. A half-season on the basketball team improved his agility and confidence. However, his hands are a question.



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## Post-Spring Analysis

### Keys to a Winning Season

In order to get seven wins or more, Michigan State needs quick development at quarterback and a pleasant surprise at running back. Without them, the Spartans' talented receivers and spread offense will have trouble getting in gear. The running game must help the quarterback by providing a legitimate play action threat, which didn't exist last year. Tailbacks Jehuu Caulcrick and DeAndra Cobb performed well in the first half of spring practice but did not answer all questions heading into the summer. Coach John L. Smith is banking on improved coverage in the secondary. This will allow increased blitzing from a team that led the league in sacks last year. He liked the progress during the spring. Michigan State must remain healthy, and claim winnable games in September, because the second half of the schedule is treacherous.

### 2004 Schedule

S. 4	at Rutgers	*
S. 11	Central Michigan	W
S. 18	Notre Dame	*
S. 25	at Indiana	W
O. 2	at Iowa	L
O. 9	Illinois	W
O. 16	Minnesota	L
O. 30	at Michigan	L
N. 6	Ohio State	L
N. 13	Wisconsin	L
N. 20	at Penn State	*
D. 4	at Hawaii	*

\*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

**Ronald Stanley: Recorded 101 tackles in 2003**

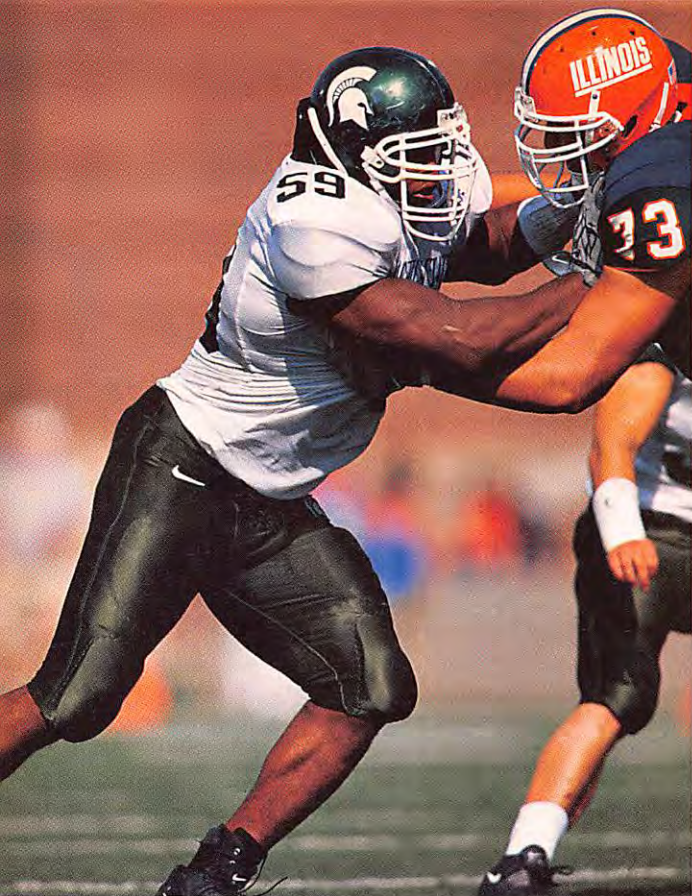
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*Jason Harmon*





Clifford Dukes

Finally healthy, Kyle Brown is a sleek deep threat and blossoming talent. Jerramy Scott had seven catches against Penn State and a dynamite spring.

At tight end, Jason Randall is a strong blocker. He is a stiff but dependable receiver. Athletic Eric Knott shed nearly 20 pounds and can get downfield. His attitude, however, is not always great.

#### NUMBERS GAME

**1,366** Jaren Hayes and Tyrell Dorch produced 1,366 yards of total offense last year. Both players are expected to play defense this year as John L. Smith tries to get his best 22 players on the field.

#### Offensive Linemen

The line should be functional. Run blocking is expected to improve and pass blocking will remain solid. The Spartans return two starters — left tackle Stefon Wheeler and center Chris Morris. Morris, a quick technician, is improving rapidly. Wheeler is reliable.

Once-promising right guard William Whitticker has one last season to reach his potential. He seems primed for a solid year. Left guard Kyle Cook has a rough demeanor and is seen by the staff as a future star. Gordie Niebylski is pushing both of them for time. He is capable if one should slip.

Mobile right tackle Sean Poole has played well as an emergency sub on the left side. The

former blue-chip recruit has overcome four years of knee soreness and might be ready for a breakthrough.

#### Defensive Linemen

The front four is potentially terrific. But depth will suffer, due to the departure of Greg Taplin and Matthias Askew. Second-team All-Big Ten selection Clifford Dukes moves from strong-side defensive end to rush end, replacing Taplin. Dukes might not match Taplin's 10 sacks, but he will give Michigan State a better all-around player at that position.

Cliff Ryan is ready to man the strong-side end. Coaches expected nosetackle Brandon McKinney to contend for all-conference status last year, but he was lost for the season with a foot injury. If healthy and fit, he will be solid and possibly a force.

Defensive tackle Kevin Vickerson has been explosive at times. His tackle for a loss on fourth down against Iowa was perhaps the pivotal play of the season. Now that he is a first-stringer, he should play with more consistency.

#### Linebackers

Seth Mitchell is physical and fundamentally sound in the middle. Ronald Stanley, the other inside linebacker, is being given more of an attacking role. "Those two returning starters will be better, they will be more healthy," Smith says. "Stanley has been all over the field. He had a great spring."

Dorch will play bandit, a hybrid linebacker/strong safety role. He can cover slot receivers against pass packages. It remains to be seen whether Dorch can stay on the field and battle the run against conventional personnel groups. If not, redshirt freshman Kaleb Thornhill might get the call against run-oriented offenses. Thornhill has average speed but is heady and tough.

Beyond those four, MSU is dangerously thin.

#### Defensive Backs

Cornerback Roderick Maples is showing signs of shedding his inconsistency. "He should be a guy to take over and just have a great year," Smith says. "I would really expect that. I expect Hayes

#### RIISING STAR

*The best athlete in John L. Smith's first recruiting class, running back Jehuu Caulcrick spent last season as a second-string linebacker — though he didn't play — because of depth problems at that position. He returned to running back, his natural position, and had a promising spring. He is big enough to rip through arm tackles and fast enough to go the distance. But seasoning is needed.*

on the other side to step up and be the guy."

Hayes has good hips, and is stronger and faster than former starting cornerbacks Darren Barnett and Ashton Watson. But Hayes still has much to learn.

Eric Smith developed into a tackling machine at strong safety. But shoulder and knee injuries have cast doubt over his dependability. Jason Harmon is solid at free safety and can play strong safety if Smith continues to have problems. Greg Cooper is also an able free safety, and he started two games in 2003. But there is a steep drop off after those three.

#### Specialists

Dave Rayner was 22-of-29 on field goals, and nailed a 62-yarder in spring practice. Punter Brandon Fields averaged 46.4 yards per attempt, while Rayner handled pooch punts.

Cobb is one of the elite kick returners in the nation.

#### Outside the Huddle

**Breakout?** Coaches are shy about giving wide receiver Matt Trannon public praise. They thought he was hindered by too much hype last year. The staff, however, expects a big season out of him in 2004.

**Double tight** Look for the Spartans to use more two-tight end formations. This should help the running game and take advantage of tight end depth. But don't cheat to stop the run. Louisville had a good pass package from the three-step drop out of these formations under John L. Smith.

**Attack** Michigan State expects to do more attacking and blitzing on defense because the coaches feel pass coverage should be improved, especially at cornerback.

**New wrinkles** Quarterback candidates Drew Stanton and Stephen Reaves are more athletic than Jeff Smoker. Look for the Spartans to move the pocket more, and feature sprint-out passing.

**High goals** After one year on the job, Smith says he has a clearer vision of what Michigan State can aspire to. "We have to get the program out of the middle of the Big Ten and into the upper echelon, and that's what we are going to get done," Smith says.



**Head Coach: John L. Smith • Record at School: 8-5 (1 year) • Career Record: 118-65 (15 years)**  
**Offensive Coordinator: Dave Baldwin • Defensive Coordinator: Chris Smeland • East Lansing, Mich. • Spartan Stadium (72,027)**

## 2004 Michigan State Roster

## Projected Depth Chart

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
15 Clayton, Sean	QB	6'4"	222	Fr.	Poland, OH
7 Dowdell, Damon	QB	6'1"	220	Sr.	Detroit, MI
9 Reaves, Stephen	QB	6'1"	200	Fr.	Tampa, FL
5 Stanton, Drew	QB	6'3"	223	So.	Farmington Hills, MI
17 Van Dam, John	QB	6'3"	210	Fr.	East Lansing, MI

Running Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
37 Brown, Sylvester	RB	5'9"	208	Fr.	Canton, MS
26 Bush, Kris	RB	5'11"	200	Fr.	New Orleans, LA
30 Caulcrick, Jehuu	RB	6'0"	250	Fr.	Findley Lake, NY
21 Cobb, DeAndra	RB	5'10"	191	Sr.	Las Vegas, NV
13 Simon, Chad	RB	5'8"	194	Sr.	Saginaw, MI
20 Teague, Jason	RB	5'9"	191	Jr.	St. Petersburg, FL

Receivers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
14 Accchione, Todd	WR	6'0"	184	Jr.	Syracuse, NY
10 Alexander, Aaron	WR	6'5"	196	Jr.	Richmond, VA
3 Brown, Kyle	WR	6'1"	200	Jr.	West Bloomfield, MI
19 Campbell, Irving	WR	5'11"	180	Fr.	Lake Worth, FL
83 Jones, Jamar	WR	6'3"	208	Fr.	Arcadia, FL
4 Knott, Eric	TE	6'3"	254	Sr.	Detroit, MI
86 Love, Terry	WR	5'11"	169	Fr.	Bellwood, IL
81 Randall, Jason	TE	6'5"	260	Sr.	Muskegon Heights, MI
84 Rieger, Justin	TE	6'3"	213	So.	Grosse Ile, MI
80 Sackrider, Kyle	TE	6'2"	224	Fr.	Battle Creek, MI
32 Scott, Jerramy	WR	5'10"	183	So.	Jupiter, FL
2 Shabaj, Agim	WR	5'10"	187	Jr.	Farmington Hills, MI
6 Trannon, Matt	WR	6'6"	228	Jr.	Flint, MI
85 Walters, Matt	TE	6'2"	241	Sr.	Clackamas, OR
89 Woods, Ryan	TE	6'4"	251	Jr.	Florissant, MO

Offensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
75 Clifford, Pete	T	6'7"	310	Fr.	Salem, NH
74 Cook, Kyle	G	6'3"	296	So.	Macomb, MI
62 Elmore, Gary	T	6'1"	265	So.	Fort Worth, TX
60 Fonseca, Luis	G	6'4"	285	Fr.	Wixom, MI
66 Gyetvai, Mike	T	6'7"	312	Fr.	Old Castle, ON
54 Masters, John	C	6'4"	270	Fr.	Carmel, IN
51 Morris, Chris	C	6'4"	293	Jr.	Lambertville, MI
67 Mulroy, John	T	6'5"	240	Fr.	West Bloomfield, MI
71 Niebyski, Gordon	G	6'3"	310	Jr.	Farmington, MI
79 Poole, Sean	T	6'7"	294	Sr.	Flint, MI
72 Wheeler, Stefon	T	6'5"	329	Jr.	Passaic, NJ
76 Whitticker, William	G	6'5"	319	Sr.	Marion, IN

Defensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
40 Bazemore, Michael	DE	6'3"	260	Jr.	Philadelphia, PA
64 Davies, Brian	DT	6'5"	267	Sr.	Farmington, MI
59 Dukes, Clifford	DE	6'3"	257	Sr.	Lexington Park, MD
88 Kaczmarek, Tom	DT	6'5"	278	Fr.	London, ON
50 Kiehl, Steve	DE	6'6"	235	So.	Riverside, IL
99 McKinney, Brandon	DT	6'3"	330	Jr.	Dayton, OH
98 Melvin, Daryl	DE	6'5"	258	Fr.	Jersey City, NJ
93 Rewoldt, Charles	DT	6'2"	291	Fr.	Ann Arbor, MI
92 Ryan, Clifton	DE	6'2"	289	So.	Saginaw, MI
49 Smith-Davis, Maurice	DE	6'1"	245	Fr.	Warren, OH
39 Thompson, Nick	DE	6'3"	238	Sr.	Houghton Lake, MI
70 Toth, Joe	DT	6'2"	279	Fr.	Port Charlotte, FL
91 Vickerson, Kevin	DT	6'4"	283	Sr.	Detroit, MI

Linebackers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
53 Campbell, Marshall	LB	6'2"	212	Sr.	Gratiot, MI
34 Dortch, Tyrell	BAN	5'10"	206	Sr.	Hoboken, NJ
58 Ejelonu, Eze	LB	6'1"	227	Sr.	Pontiac, MI
55 Herrema, Mitch	LB	5'10"	217	Sr.	Jenison, MI
41 Herron Jr., David	MLB	6'1"	250	So.	Warren, OH
51 Johnson, Derrick	LB	5'9"	225	Fr.	Southfield, MI
48 Mitchell, Seth	WLB	6'2"	248	Jr.	Brandywine, MD
63 Pritchett, Devin	LB	6'2"	235	Fr.	Alpharetta, GA
44 Stanley, Ronald	MLB	6'0"	232	Sr.	Saginaw, MI
43 Thornhill, Kaleb	LB	6'1"	236	Fr.	Lansing, MI
69 Young, Jim	LB	6'2"	226	Sr.	Custer, MI

Defensive Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
22 Barnett, Darren	CB	6'0"	186	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
20 Beaudouin, Ashley	DB	6'0"	205	Fr.	Lansing, MI
5 Belasco, Anthony	S	5'10"	198	So.	Cedar Grove, NJ
33 Beltinck, Kiel	DB	5'9"	200	So.	Mount Pleasant, MI
29 Cooper, Greg	S	5'11"	185	So.	Flint, MI
38 Corey, Cole	S	5'10"	191	Fr.	Tecumseh, MI
31 Doyle, Kelvin	CB	5'10"	168	Jr.	Denver, CO
25 Harmon, Jason	S	5'11"	199	Sr.	Ironton, OH
31 Hayes, Jaren	CB	5'9"	183	Jr.	Lebanon, PA
28 Howard, Griff	S	6'1"	179	Fr.	Port Charlotte, FL
24 Key, Travis	CB	5'10"	168	Fr.	Three Rivers, MI
17 Maples, Roderick	CB	5'10"	189	Sr.	Detroit, MI
36 Smith, Eric	S	6'1"	193	Jr.	Groveport, OH
12 Watson, Ashton	CB	5'11"	179	Jr.	Huber Heights, OH

Specialists	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
56 Bury, Brian	LS	6'0"	238	So.	Marion, OH
8 Fields, Brandon	P	6'6"	233	So.	Toledo, OH
11 Goss, John	K	6'3"	217	Jr.	Grove City, OH
24 Hall, Kevin	P	6'4"	218	Fr.	Temperance, MI
26 Mayer, Kyle	K	6'1"	207	So.	Grand Haven, MI
16 Rayner, Dave	K	6'2"	207	Sr.	Oxford, MI

Offense (6)				
WR	10	Aaron Alexander (Jr.)	6	Matt Trannon (Jr.)
WR	3	Kyle Brown (Jr.)	19	Irving Campbell (Fr.)
SL	2	Agim Shabaj (Jr.)	32	Jerramy Scott (So.)
LT	72	Stefon Wheeler (Jr.)	75	Pete Clifford (Fr.)
LG	74	Kyle Cook (So.)	60	Luis Fonseca (Fr.)
C	51	Chris Morris (Jr.)	54	John Masters (Fr.)
RG	76	William Whitticker (Sr.)	71	Gordon Niebyski (Jr.)
RT	79	Sean Poole (Sr.)	66	Mike Gyetvai (Fr.)
TE	81	Jason Randall (Sr.)	4	Eric Knott (Sr.)
QB	9	Stephen Reaves (Fr.)	5	Drew Stanton (So.)
RB	21	DeAndra Cobb (Sr.)	30	Jehuu Caulcrick (Fr.)

Defense (7)				
DE	59	Clifford Dukes (Sr.)	98	Daryl Melvin (Fr.)
DT	91	Kevin Vickerson (Sr.)	64	Brian Davies (Sr.)
DT	99	Brandon McKinney (Jr.)	70	Joe Toth (Fr.)
DE	92	Clifton Ryan (So.)	40	Michael Bazemore (Jr.)
MLB	44	Ronald Stanley (Sr.)	41	David Herron Jr. (So.)
WLB	48	Seth Mitchell (Jr.)	43	Kaleb Thornhill (Fr.)
Ban	34	Tyrell Dortch (Sr.)	43	Kaleb Thornhill (Fr.)
CB	31	Jaren Hayes (Jr.)	12	Ashton Watson (Jr.)
CB	17	Roderick Maples (Sr.)	22	Darren Barnett (Jr.)
SS	36	Eric Smith (Jr.)	5	Anthony Belasco (So.)
FS	25	Jason Harmon (Sr.)	29	Greg Cooper (So.)

Special Teams					
K	16	Dave Rayner (Sr.)	KR	21	DeAndra Cobb (Sr.)
P	8	Brandon Fields (So.)	PR	2	Agim Shabaj (Jr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters  
**BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 Signees

Richard Abney	WR	6'1"	180	Capitol Hts., MD	Brian Hoyer	QB	6'2"	195	N. Olmsted, OH
SirDarean Adams	WR	6'1"	215	Bradenton, FL	Kenny Jackson	WR	6'3"	200	Lehigh Acres, FL
Eric Andino	LB	6'4"	225	Arlington Hts., IL	Tom Kaczmarek	DL	6'5"	265	London, ON
Michael Bell	CB	6'0"	175	Shaker Heights, OH	Justin Kershaw	DL	6'6"	230	Columbus, OH
Bryan Brighton	DB	5'11"	185	Allan Park, MI	Roland Martin	OL	6'6"	326	Chicago, IL
Deon Curry	WR	6'2"	185	Oakland Twp., MI	Dan McGarry	TE	6'6"	240	Poland, OH
Tom Dance	DB	6'2"	195	Erie, PA	Craig McGovern	TE	6'5"	230	Lawrenceville, NJ
Hugh D'Imperio	LB	6'5"	230	Sewell, NJ	Tyrone McKenzie	LB	6'3"	220	Riverview, FL
Luis Fonseca	OL	6'4"	275	Wixom, MI	Jesse Miller	OL	6'6"	280	Somerville, NJ
Kellen Freeman-Davis	TE	6'6"	225	Adrian, MI	Domata Peko	DL	6'4"	280	Pago Pago, A.S.
John Goss	P	6'4"	210	Grove City, OH	Leon Pennington Jr	RB	6'2"	230	Fort Lauderdale, FL
Carl Grimes	WR	5'9"	185	Detroit, MI	Nick Smith	DL	6'6"	260	North Canton, OH
Eric Hines	DB	5'9"	180	Detroit, MI	Ron Stoops Jr.	DB	6'3"	195	Boardman, OH
Dwayne Holmes	LB	6'0"	235	Detroit, MI	Miles Williams	WR	6'3"	195	Youngstown, OH
Tony Howard	DB	6'0"	190	Garfield Hts., OH	Daniel Zynn	DL	6'4"	305	S. Pasadena, CA

Perpetually thin at linebacker, Michigan State addressed that need by signing Hugh D'Imperio, Eric Andino, Dwayne Holmes and Tyrone McKenzie. All are physically mature and tough. One or two of them will be needed in the two-deep, immediately.

Michigan State needed to improve its team speed and made gains in that area by adding high school state track champs Carl Grimes, Tom Dance and Bryan Brighton. SirDarean Adams is probably the fastest player in the class, and could be a difference-maker on either side of the ball. Offensive tackle Roland Martin, the most highly-recruited player in the class, turned down Tennessee and Oklahoma to sign with MSU. Michael Bell enrolled in January, and looked like a keeper at cornerback in spring practice.

## 2003 Results — 8-5 (5-3 Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 30	Western Michigan	W	26-21
S. 6	Rutgers	W	44-28
S. 13	Louisiana Tech	L	19-20
S. 20	at Notre Dame	W	22-16
S. 27	Iowa	W	20-10
O. 4	Indiana	W	31-3
O. 11	at Illinois	W	49-14
O. 18	at Minnesota	W	44-38
N. 1	Michigan	L	20-27
N. 8	at Ohio State	L	23-33
N. 15	at Wisconsin	L	21-56
N. 22	Penn State	W	41-10
D. 29	#Nebraska	L	3-17
	#Alamo Bowl		

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Damon Dowdell, 12-7-54-0, 0 TDs  
**Rushing:** Jaren Hayes, 145 car, 609 yds., 5 TDs  
**Receiving:** Agim Shabaj, 57 rec., 692 yds., 5 TDs  
**Scoring:** Dave Rayner, 22 FGs, 39 XPs, 105 points  
**Punting:** Brandon Fields, 62 punts, 46.4 avg.  
**Kicking:** Dave Rayner, 22-29 FGs, 39-40 XPs, 105 points  
**Tackles:** Jason Harmon, 108, 64 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Seth Mitchell, 7 for 24 yds.  
**Sacks:** Clifford Dukes, 7  
**Interceptions:** Jason Harmon, 3 for 74 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** DeAndra Cobb, 28 ret., 27.2 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Agim Shabaj, 12 ret., 3.2 avg.





**C**ollege football coaches say you can't win, control the clock or grind out short-yardage first downs without a good running back. But can a team with two marquee running backs — but huge questions at quarterback — be as successful as a team with more balance?

That's what Minnesota will find out this season. Glen Mason's Gophers return 1,000-yard rushers in Marion Barber III and Big Ten Freshman of the Year Laurence Maroney, but they have a significant hole at quarterback.

Mason jokes that he could play quarterback and hand off and the Gophers would be all right, but will that really work against eight-man fronts?

With 13 starters returning, Minnesota coaches and players are optimistic that they can build on back-to-back bowl victories and the program's first 10-win season since 1905. But with the quarterback questions, can the Minnesota program finish this season in something other than a lower-tier bowl game?

"I think there will be more pressure on the quarterback position this year than at any time I've been here," Mason says. "Why? Everybody expects us to be good. I expect us to be good. The players expect us to be good. The kids that we have at the quarterback position are good kids, and they don't want to let anyone down."

## Quarterbacks

Asad Abdul-Khaliq wasn't embraced by Minnesota fans, but he finished his career as the school record-holder in total offense and touchdown passes.

His successor likely won't be determined until fall camp, but it will almost certainly be either Bryan Cupito or Adam Ernst. Cupito, a redshirt sophomore, enters fall camp with more experience, and the Gophers coaches like his accuracy.

But if they were truly sold on giving Cupito the keys to the offense, why did Mason and his staff work so hard at landing Ernst, a strong-armed junior college transfer who began his collegiate career at California?

Mason wants to be realistic in his expectations. Whoever wins the derby doesn't have to throw for 250 or 300 yards per game for the Gophers to win. But he does have to be effective in what Mason calls a "gimme" passing attack, meaning he has to make good throws and take advantage of mismatches when teams line up to stop the run.

"The bad news is that there's not a lot of experience," Mason says. "The good news is that they've got an awfully good supporting cast. If I had my druthers I'd rather have that than have an outstanding, experienced quarterback with an

inexperienced offensive line, running backs and wide receivers."

## Running Backs



This is how good the Gophers running attack has become: Terry Jackson, a 1,000-yard rusher two seasons ago, couldn't get on the field. Not ahead of Barber and Maroney, a duo who combined to gain 2,317 yards last season. Jackson left the program after the 2003 season and transferred to Division I-AA Southern Illinois.

The two backs, who seem to get along despite having to share the ball, complement each other well. Barber, a junior, is more of a power runner who carries defenders with him. Maroney, a sophomore who went from likely redshirt to significant contributor in his first season, is explosive and can turn a small hole into a 40-yard touchdown run. "We're a running team so you need multiple running backs," Maroney says. "Me and Marion want the same thing. We want to win."

Mason has indicated that the running game may be tweaked this season. What does that mean? It probably means that Barber and Maroney will spend more time on the field together.

Redshirt freshman Justin Valentine is the most likely candidate to replace underrated fullback Thomas Tapeh.



Bruce Schwartzman

## Post-Spring Analysis

### Keys to Contending in the Big Ten

There is nothing more important for the Gophers than finding a quarterback who can run the offense. It doesn't really matter if sophomore Bryan Cupito gets the job or if it's Adam Ernst, but someone has to get the job done. Because as good as the Gophers' running back duo of Marion Barber III and Lawrence Maroney is, the lack of a confident quarterback could be the difference between contending for a Jan. 1 bowl game or returning someplace like El Paso or Nashville. Because of the schedule, the Gophers need to start fast. Minnesota plays four of its first five games at home with the only road game coming at Colorado State. Win all five of those games — something that isn't unreasonable — and the Gophers will be 2-0 in league play entering the tough middle of the season.

### 2004 Schedule

S. 4	Toledo	W
S. 11	Illinois State	W
S. 18	at Colorado State	W
S. 25	Northwestern	W
O. 2	Penn State	W
O. 9	at Michigan	L
O. 16	at Michigan State	W
O. 23	Illinois	W
O. 30	at Indiana	W
N. 6	at Wisconsin	*
N. 13	Iowa	*

\*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

**Laurence Maroney: Averaged 6.9 yards per carry in 2003**





*Marion Barber III*





Greg Eslinger

## Receivers

These guys aren't going to be ignored, but the Gopher receivers aren't going to be the focus either. Jared Ellerson caught 44 balls for 909 yards a year ago and is the team's leading returner. But the Minnesota receiver with the most potential is Paris Hamilton, a junior college transfer who chose the Gophers over Kansas State and missed all of last season with a knee injury that required surgery. He's optimistic that he'll be ready to go in the fall.

Others expected to be in the mix include Logan Payne, Keith Matthews and Jakari Wallace. This group isn't as good as some that Minnesota has had in recent years, but the reality is that it doesn't have to be.

## NUMBERS GAME

**36** Minnesota has won 36 games over the past five seasons. The Gophers had never won that many games in a five-year span in school history.

## Offensive Linemen

Listening to the Gopher players, you don't know if it's the running backs or the guys blocking for them.

"Barber and Maroney, they make you look so much better than you are," says Gopher center and All-American candidate Greg Eslinger. "I miss my share of blocks, but they sometimes make fools of the opposition."

Maroney doesn't buy it. "I don't care how

## RISEING STAR

As a freshman, tight end **Matt Spaeth** was clearly in the shadow of Ben Utecht. That won't be the case any longer. At 6'6", Spaeth is a big target who can both block and be difficult matchup when he goes out on a pass route. He's good enough to have caught the eye of NFL scouts.

good a running back is, they're nothing without a line," he says. "I think they're the best in the country. They're fast, they block, they have the heart of lions and they won't quit."

And this group is also experienced. Led by Eslinger, the Gophers return four starters. Senior tackle Rian Melander was a second-team All-Big Ten selection, while junior guard Mark Setterstrom was honorable mention.

## Defensive Linemen

This is one area where the Gophers should look a little different this season.

Mason wants to increase the pressure on the quarterback after the Gophers recorded only 26 sacks last season.

Darrell Reid, a tackle, has switched positions with end Mark Losli. It was a move the Gophers toyed with before the Sun Bowl (though they didn't show it in the game) and made permanent in spring practice. Reid is the quicker of the two and Mason says Losli essentially outgrew the end position.

Anthony Montgomery will likely be the other interior lineman, while sophomore Eric Clark is the leader to be the other outside starter.

## Linebackers

When the head coach enters spring practice not knowing which linebackers are truly the best, it's difficult to project who will see the most action in September. Two who appear to be set, however, are Terrance Campbell on the weak side and Kyle McKenzie on the strong side. They were both among the Gophers' top five tacklers last season.

Mario Reese and Dominique Sims will likely compete for the drop linebacker position. This will be Sims' final opportunity to live up to his hype. The former high school All-American has never made a real impact for the Gophers.

## Defensive Backs

With Trumaine Banks and Ukee Dozier returning, the Gophers are in decent shape at cornerback. Safety, however, is another story, as both Eli Ward (2003's leading tackler) and Justin Isom have departed. Justin Fraley should end up with one of those spots. The other will

likely go to either John Pawielski or Brandon Owens.

Regardless of who plays, the Gophers need to produce more big plays after forcing only 16 turnovers all of last season.

## Specialists

Mason calls senior kicker Rhys Lloyd — who grew up in England — "Winston" in honor of Winston Churchill. When it comes to the Gophers, Lloyd is almost as important as Churchill.

Because he wasn't eligible until shortly before the opener last season, Lloyd was one of the team's biggest surprises. His extremely strong (and pretty accurate) leg produced a pair of game-winning field goals. He will again handle Minnesota's punting.

While many teams have return specialists, Mason considers special teams important enough to use his best players. That means Barber and/or Maroney will handle the bulk of the punt and kickoff returns.

## Outside the Huddle

**A new surface** As bad as the Metrodome is for football, the anti-septic building does have one upgrade this season. Instead of a carpet-like artificial surface, the dome now has a FieldTurf surface that is essentially synthetic grass.

**No turnover** The off-season at Minnesota has always meant two things: cold weather and an exodus of assistant coaches. This season the only person who left Mason's staff was an assistant strength coach. That's a sign of progress for Minnesota.

**Mason second** Penn State's Joe Paterno is the only Big Ten coach with more Division I-A victories than the 103 that Gophers coach Glen Mason has. Mason, previously at Kansas and Kent State, has more I-A victories than Wisconsin's Barry Alvarez, Michigan's Lloyd Carr and Purdue's Joe Tiller.

**Another Barber** The lineage of Gophers running back Marion Barber III has been well chronicled. His father Marion Jr. was a star running back for Minnesota in the early '80s. He'll be joined on the team this season by younger brother Dominique, a defensive back who was also a very good high school hockey player.



**Head Coach: Glen Mason • Record at School: 44-40 (7 years) • Career Record: 103-104-1 (18 years)**  
**Offensive Coordinators: Mitch Browning, Tony Peterson • Defensive Coordinator: Greg Hudson • Minneapolis, Minn. • Metrodome (64,172)**

## 2004 Minnesota Roster

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
14 Carlson, John	QB	6'2"	200	Fr.	Wayzata, MN
3 Cupito, Bryan	QB	6'1"	190	So.	Cincinnati, OH
13 Ernst, Adam	QB	6'2"	210	Jr.	Orange, CA

Running Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
23 Alexander, Maurice	RB	5'8"	185	Fr.	Southfield, MI
21 Barber III, Marion	RB	5'11"	215	Jr.	Plymouth, MN
34 Faue, Jeremy	RB	5'11"	200	Fr.	Hamel, MN
38 Hagen, Brandon	FB	6'0"	215	Jr.	Owatonna, MN
42 Lamers, Jason	FB	6'0"	240	So.	Kaukauna, WI
22 Maroney, Laurence	RB	5'11"	200	So.	St. Louis, MO
29 Pinnix, Amir	RB	6'0"	190	Fr.	Newark, NJ
18 Valentine, Justin	FB	6'2"	215	Fr.	Columbus, OH

Receivers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
83 Ellerson, Jared	WR	6'1"	195	Jr.	Copley, OH
85 Galbreath, Adam	WR	6'3"	190	Fr.	Houston, TX
2 Hamilton, Paris	WR	6'1"	195	Sr.	Katy, TX
9 Jackson, Pierre	WR	5'11"	170	So.	Chicago, IL
39 Jundt, Mark	WR	5'11"	185	So.	Woodbury, MN
1 Matthews, Keith	WR	6'2"	205	Sr.	Akron, OH
33 Payne, Logan	WR	6'2"	205	So.	Lutz, FL
81 Posthumus, Jarod	TE	6'4"	250	Jr.	St. Cloud, MN
80 Redmann, Chad	TE	6'3"	250	Sr.	Burnsville, MN
88 Rucker, Micah	WR	6'6"	200	Fr.	Bonita Springs, FL
87 Salmen, Kevin	TE	6'5"	245	Jr.	St. Paul, MN
89 Spaeth, Matt	TE	6'6"	265	So.	Albertville, MN
7 Wallace, Jakari	WR	5'8"	165	Jr.	Lauderdale Lakes, FL

Offensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
78 Ainslie, Joe	T	6'7"	305	So.	Minnetonka, MN
62 Brenny, Josh	G	6'5"	305	So.	Albany, MN
77 Brinkhaus, Tony	T	6'4"	285	Fr.	Bloomington, MN
61 Eslinger, Greg	C	6'3"	285	Jr.	Bismarck, ND
63 Goblirsch, Brian	G	6'2"	295	So.	Eagan, MN
66 Harston, Brandon	G	6'2"	315	Sr.	Fort Worth, TX
50 Jacobs, Tommy	OL	6'3"	285	Fr.	Maple Grove, MN
69 Jakel, John	OL	6'5"	275	Fr.	Schofield, WI
65 Lilligren, Blake	OL	6'1"	265	So.	Blaine, MN
79 McCulloch, Trevor	G	6'4"	320	Jr.	Brainerd, MN
74 Melander, Rian	T	6'7"	295	Sr.	Shoreview, MN
73 Moss, Brian	T	6'6"	280	So.	Florissant, MO
60 Nicholson, Mike	T	6'5"	290	Jr.	River Falls, WI
75 Sannes, Lance	T	6'7"	305	Jr.	Wahpeton, ND
68 Setterstrom, Mark	G	6'3"	300	Jr.	Northfield, MN
64 Shidell, Steve	OL	6'5"	260	Fr.	Coon Rapids, MN
56 Swaggert, Tyson	C	6'4"	285	So.	Buffalo, MN

Defensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
98 Allen, Neel	DT	6'3"	295	Fr.	Marietta, GA
94 Buchanan, Maurice	DE	6'3"	255	So.	Minnetonka, MN
90 Clark, Eric	DE	6'4"	250	So.	Tampa, FL
45 Eugene, Junior	DE	6'1"	230	Jr.	Miami, FL
37 Holden, Chris	LB/DL	5'11"	225	So.	Eden Prairie, MN
99 Lipka, Keith	DL	6'3"	265	Jr.	Oak Creek, WI
97 Losli, Mark	DL	6'6"	285	Jr.	Spring Lake Park, MN
91 Meisel, Todd	DE	6'4"	250	Fr.	Hartland, WI
95 Montgomery, Anthony	DT	6'5"	315	Jr.	Cleveland, OH
51 Reid, Darrell	DE	6'2"	280	Sr.	Freehold, NJ
92 Seveland, Matt	DE	6'2"	225	Sr.	Plymouth, MN

Linebackers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
58 Campbell, Terrance	LB	6'2"	200	Jr.	Atlanta, GA
57 Cheney, Patrick	LB	6'1"	225	Fr.	Shoreview, MN
49 Hopkins, Stephon	LB	6'0"	240	So.	Detroit, MI
40 McCarthy, Pat	LB/DL	6'0"	235	So.	Neenah, WI
52 McKenzie, Kyle	LB	6'1"	230	Jr.	Detroit, MI
53 Mullaney, Mark	LB	6'0"	215	Fr.	Eden Prairie, MN
48 Reese, Mario	LB	6'3"	225	So.	Mableton, GA
55 Scroggins, John	LB/DL	6'5"	225	Fr.	Dallas, TX
33 Sherels, Mike	LB	6'0"	235	Fr.	Rochester, MN
46 Shevlin, John	LB	6'1"	220	Fr.	Eagan, MN
5 Sims, Dominique	LB	6'1"	225	Sr.	Minneapolis, MN
43 Smith, Brian	LB	6'1"	235	Sr.	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

Defensive Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
4 Banks, Trumaine	CB	5'10"	185	So.	Columbus, OH
28 Cain, Samad	DB	6'1"	190	Fr.	Detroit, MI
25 Dozier, Ukee	CB	6'1"	185	Sr.	Bradenton, FL
12 Fraley, Justin	SS	6'0"	210	Sr.	Cleveland, OH
15 Harris, Jamal	DB	6'0"	180	Fr.	Delray Beach, FL
32 Owens, Brandon	FS	6'2"	205	So.	Delray Beach, FL
34 Pawiowski, John	FS	5'11"	195	Jr.	Waupaca, WI
36 Rhea, Stephon	DB	5'10"	170	Fr.	Houston, TX
30 Richmond, Johnathan	SS	5'10"	200	Sr.	Greensboro, NC
11 Steib, Desi	DB	6'1"	185	Fr.	Vacherie, LA
31 Thompson, Seth	DB	6'0"	185	Fr.	Hudson, WI
6 White, Quentin	FS	6'0"	200	Jr.	Gahanna, OH
24 Williams, Byron	DB	6'0"	190	Sr.	Dallas, TX
35 Wojciechowski, Mike	CB	5'8"	190	Sr.	Oak Creek, WI

Specialists	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
16 Lloyd, Rhys	K	6'1"	220	Sr.	Dover, England

## Projected Depth Chart

Offense (7)				
WR	83	Jared Ellerson (Jr.)	39	Mark Jundt (So.)
WR	2	Paris Hamilton (Sr.)	7	Jakari Wallace (Jr.)
SR*	33	Logan Payne (So.)	1	Keith Matthews (Sr.)
LT	74	Rian Melander (Sr.)	73	Brian Moss (So.)
LG	68	Mark Setterstrom (Jr.)	63	Brian Goblirsch (So.)
C	61	Greg Eslinger (Jr.)	56	Tyson Swaggert (So.)
RG	66	Brandon Harston (Sr.)	62	Josh Brenny (So.)
RT	78	Joe Ainslie (So.)	60	Mike Nicholson (Jr.)
TE	89	Matt Spaeth (So.)	81	Jarod Posthumus (Jr.)
QB	3	Bryan Cupito (So.)	13	Adam Ernst (Jr.)
FB	18	Justin Valentine (Fr.)	42	Jason Lamers (So.)
TB	21	Marion Barber III (Jr.)	22	Laurence Maroney (So.)

Defense (6)				
DE	90	Eric Clark (So.)	37	Chris Holden (So.)
DT	97	Mark Losli (Jr.)	99	Keith Lipka (Jr.)
NT	95	Anthony Montgomery (Jr.)	98	Neel Allen (Fr.)
DE	51	Darrell Reid (Sr.)	94	Maurice Buchanan (So.)
LB	58	Terrance Campbell (Jr.)	46	John Shevlin (Fr.)
LB	52	Kyle McKenzie (Jr.)	43	Brian Smith (Sr.)
LB	48	Mario Reese (So.)	5	Dominique Sims (Sr.)
CB	25	Ukee Dozier (Sr.)	35	Mike Wojciechowski (Sr.)
CB	4	Trumaine Banks (So.)	15	Jamal Harris (Fr.)
SS	12	Justin Fraley (Sr.)	30	Johnathan Richmond (Sr.)
FS	34	John Pawlowski (Jr.)	32	Brandon Owens (So.)

Specialists					
K	16	Rhys Lloyd (Sr.)	KR	21	Marion Barber III (Jr.)
P	16	Rhys Lloyd (Sr.)	PR	21	Marion Barber III (Jr.)

(\* indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

\*The 12 offensive players reflect Minnesota's multiple formations.

## 2004 Signees

Maurice Alexander	RB	5'9"	185	Southfield, MI	Steve Moore	LB	6'2"	230	Coon Rapids, MN
Dominique Barber	DB	6'0"	185	Plymouth, MN	Tony Mortensen	QB	6'4"	215	Hutchinson, MN
William Brody	DL	6'4"	215	Cleveland, OH	Everett Pedescleaux	DL	6'6"	240	Plymouth, MN
John Carlson	QB	6'2"	210	Wayzata, MN	Gary Russell	RB	5'11"	205	Columbus, OH
Matt DeGeest	DL	6'4"	250	Harrisburg, SD	Johnny Sampy	LB	6'2"	220	Houston, TX
Adam Ernst	QB	6'2"	210	Orange, CA	Sam Scroggins	TE	6'5"	245	Florissant, MO
Jason Giannini	PK	5'9"	170	Canton, OH	Hussain Shakir	DB	6'1"	190	Pennsauken, NJ
Deon Hightower	LB	6'3"	190	Arlington, TX	Jack Simmons	TE	6'6"	205	Libertyville, IL
Leland Jones	LB	6'3"	215	Atlanta, GA	Andre Sloan El	QB	6'3"	190	Pennsauken, NJ
Justin Kucek	P	6'1"	185	Canfield, OH	Nhemie Theodore	DL	6'3"	285	Irvington, NJ
Tommy Leavitt	TE	6'4"	215	Minneapolis, MN	William VanDeSteege	DL	6'4"	245	Silver Lake, MN
Mike Maciejowski	QB	6'2"	210	Columbus, OH	David Wess	QB	6'2"	195	Whitehall, OH

The Gophers' 2004 recruiting class can be summed up simply: quarterbacks and athletes. While nearly every program nationally recruits one or two quarterbacks each February, the Gophers took that to the extreme. Minnesota signed six quarterbacks in its 24-player class, including junior college transfer Adam Ernst. Coach Glen Mason says that each of the six will get a chance to play quarterback. Defensively, Minnesota landed three athletes who could make an impact sooner rather than later. Linebacker Leland Jones of Atlanta is Minnesota's recruit with the highest profile. On the defensive line, Minnesota landed two solid prospects in Nhemie Theodore of New Jersey and Everett Pedescleaux of suburban Minneapolis. Both are athletic linemen who have a chance to be good pass rushers. The Gophers recruiting class could have been better, but offensive lineman Lydon Murtha — a top 50 national recruit from Hutchinson, Minn. — backed out of his verbal commitment to Minnesota and signed with Nebraska.

## 2003 Results — 10-3 (5-3 Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 30	Tulsa	W	49-10
S. 6	Troy State	W	48-7
S. 13	at Ohio	W	42-20
S. 20	Louisiana-Lafayette	W	48-14
S. 27	at Penn State	W	20-14
O. 4	at Northwestern	W	42-17
O. 10	Michigan	L	35-38
O. 18	Michigan State	L	38-44
O. 25	at Illinois	W	36-10
N. 1	Indiana	W	55-7
N. 8	Wisconsin	W	37-34
N. 15	at Iowa	L	22-40
D. 31	#Oregon	W	31-30
	#Sun Bowl		

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Marion Barber III, 1-1-15-0, 0 TDs  
**Rushing:** Marion Barber III, 207 car., 1,196 yds., 17 TDs  
**Receiving:** Jared Ellerson, 44 rec., 909 yds., 5 TDs  
**Scoring:** Marion Barber III, 17 TDs, 102 points  
**Punting:** Rhys Lloyd, 40 punts, 39.2 avg.  
**Kicking:** Rhys Lloyd, 14-18 FGs, 59-61 XPs, 101 points  
**Tackles:** Terrance Campbell, 87, 57 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Darrell Reid, 12 for 50 yds.  
**Sacks:** Darrell Reid, 5.5  
**Interceptions:** Justin Fraley, 2 for 0 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** Laurence Maroney, 16 ret., 25.8 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Marion Barber III, 28 ret., 14.5 avg.





For the last two years, Northwestern football coach Randy Walker and Wildcats fans everywhere played the waiting game. All that time everyone kept waiting and waiting for the heralded young kids to learn how to win college football games.

Finally there was that "Eureka!" moment at midseason last year. Northwestern shrugged off a 42-17 drubbing to Minnesota at home and won four of its last six regular-season games to earn a berth in the Motor City Bowl.

But a trip to Detroit is far from where Northwestern hopes to land this winter — 2,000 miles from it to be exact.

"Any bowl is a good bowl, but for us the goal is always Pasadena," senior running back Noah Herron says. "You always set your expectations high."

Now that the Wildcats have seen where winning play can lead them, they hope to share their vista of college football's promised land with all of their fans this season. Every starting offensive and defensive lineman returns, along with many of the top reserves. That should help eliminate the great rush of opponents that easily danced through the lines on both sides of the ball the last two years.

Elsewhere, too, there is plenty of experience. In all, 16 players return on defense and 12 return on offense, creating a deep,

veteran squad for the first time in three years. "I do think we have solid depth on this team," Walker says. "We haven't lost anybody for two years and we haven't had a lot of seniors the last few years. It was that transition we went through when I came here and those kids had to play before their time."

Now is their time.

### Quarterbacks

Some called it a sophomore slump; others blamed everyone but Brett Basanez. Whatever the cause, somehow Basanez went from being the shining star true freshman to the leader of the 103rd-best passing offense in the country last year.

"He was let down by some people," Walker says. "We were not very good at pass protection. The wide receivers did not catch passes early on. But Brett responded the right way. He's our best quarterback."

But instead of getting frustrated, Basanez went to work, getting bigger and stronger this off-season. Basanez, who was sacked 22 times last year, never got the chance to show the accurate arm and quick legs that made him one of the top freshman quarterbacks in the nation two years ago. He should get that chance this year with an improved offensive line and healthy receivers.

The job is Basanez's to lose, but Walker does not rule out using either redshirt freshman Chris Malleo or top recruit C.J. Bachér.

### Running Backs

There are not many holes to fill on the Northwestern roster this year, but the biggest one is in the backfield. Without graduated Jason Wright's 1,871 yards and 126 points, the Wildcats have to find a way to make up for 48 percent of their offensive scoring.

That is where Herron comes in. In much the same mold as his good friend Wright, Herron can run and catch with the best in the Big Ten. He gained 996 all-purpose yards, had 180 yards rushing against Penn State and posted a higher per-rush average (6.2 yards per carry) than Wright last year.

"It's a little different not having (Wright) there," Herron says. "But I'm excited about him being gone so I get my chance."

Terrell Jordan also will be a key part of the run game. He averaged 5.5 yards per carry despite being hampered by injuries throughout the season.

### Receivers

In its spread offense, Northwestern again will use a whole corps of receivers to run and catch the ball. If all of them can



Allen Kee

## Post-Spring Analysis

### Keys to Bowl Contention

The questions are fewer this season, but the stakes are higher. Who will replace Jason Wright's offensive production? Will Brett Basanez return to his freshman-year form? Will the offensive and defensive lines live up to lofty expectations? Will the secondary shut down Big Ten passing attacks? The Wildcats answered all those questions late last season and earned a second bowl berth in four years. More affirmative answers could produce another trip somewhere warm, although the schedule doesn't lend itself to a bowl run. Noah Herron must replace Wright. Basanez must get better protection from the offensive line. The receivers must stay healthy. The defense must find a pass rush and the secondary must live up to its potential. The offense is still potent, but it will not matter if the defense can't stop anyone.

### 2004 Schedule

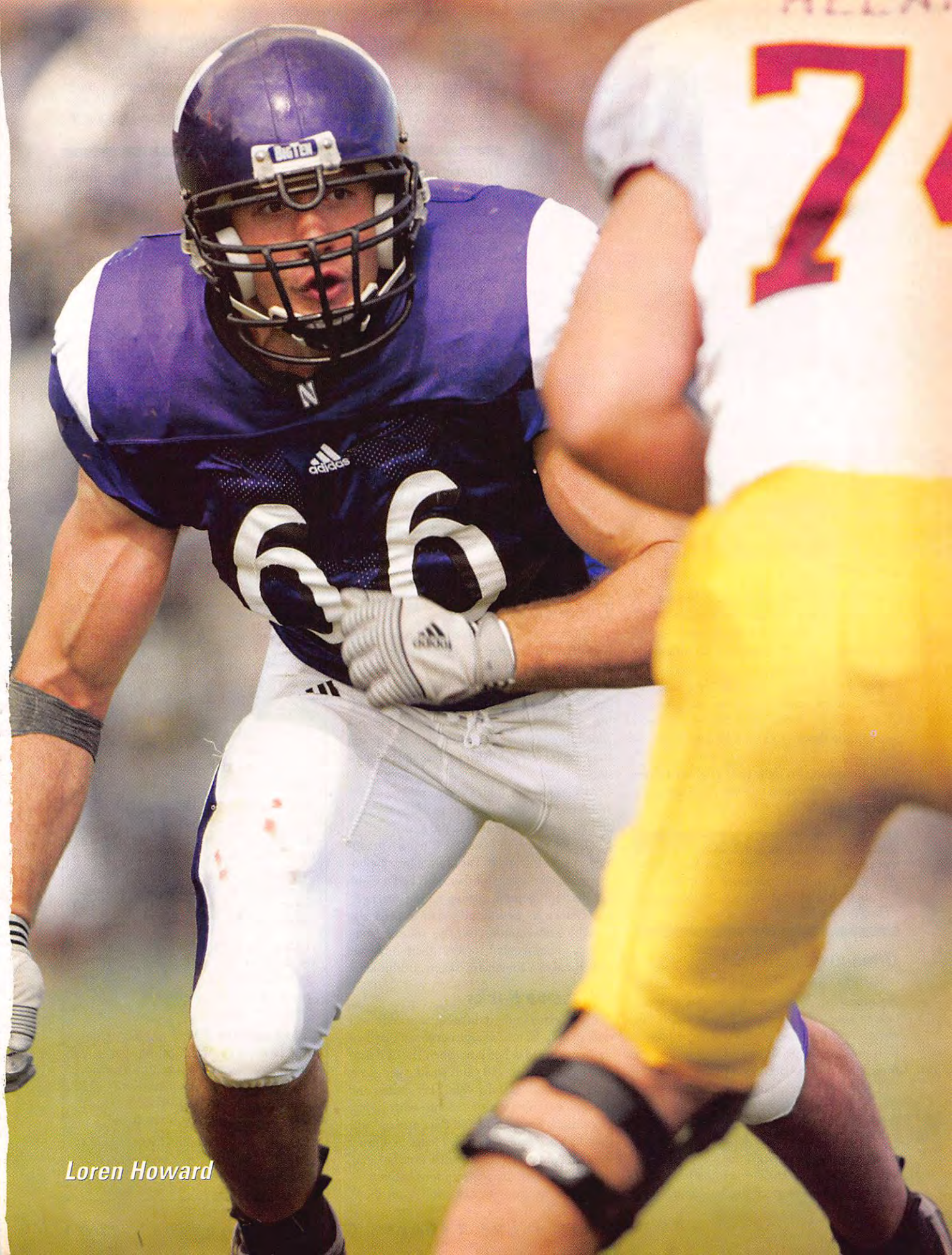
S. 2	at TCU	L
S. 11	Arizona State	*
S. 18	Kansas	*
S. 25	at Minnesota	L
O. 2	Ohio State	L
O. 9	Indiana	W
O. 23	at Wisconsin	L
O. 30	Purdue	L
N. 6	at Penn State	L
N. 13	at Michigan	L
N. 20	Illinois	W
N. 27	at Hawaii	*

\*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

**Brett Basanez: 22 consecutive starts at quarterback**

Allen Kee





*Loren Howard*





**Zach Strief**

Allen Kee

stay healthy, it could mean good things again for the offense. Projected starters Mark Philmore and Ashton Aikens suffered season-ending injuries last year but return to the starting lineup fully healthy.

Brandon Horn got playing time last year because of the injury situation and averaged 28.5 yards per catch. Horn then turned in a good spring showing and will be a go-to option this season.

With its top two tight ends graduated from last year, Northwestern will not emphasize that position as much in 2004.

## NUMBERS GAME

**7** Northwestern has had a 1,000-yard rusher in seven out of the last nine seasons. Will Noah Herron be next?

## Offensive Linemen

For the first time in his six years at Northwestern, Walker no longer has to avoid talking about the offensive line. With all five starters returning and as many as eight players who could start, the Wildcats have the deepest front line since the late 1990s.

The starting five include tackles Zach Strief and Trai Essex, guards Matt Ulrich and Ikechuku Ndukwe, and center Trevor Rees. Three of those five started for the first time last season, resulting in some porous pass protection. Ulrich and Essex are third-year starters. Strief and Rees are preseason All-Big Ten candidates.

## RIISING STAR

*Bryan Heinz, a Colorado native, is officially a returning starter. But at this time last year he was still a walk-on. Heinz earned a scholarship before the 2003 season, played in all 13 games and led the Wildcats with five interceptions. Most impressively, he grabbed three interceptions in Northwestern's final two games.*

## Defensive Linemen

Like their counterparts on the offensive line, the Wildcats' defensive line has some atoning to do this season with a large group of returning players.

End Colby Clark leads all Northwestern players with 35 career starts in 36 games the last three years. Luis Castillo and Loren Howard are both two-year starters. Barry Cofield started all last year, and David Thompson has experience as well. Howard is the playmaker of the group with 16 tackles for a loss last year.

"We have a chance to grow on defense," Walker says. "We made a modest improvement and we have to keep climbing."

## Linebackers

Walker calls Tim McGarigle the best linebacker he has coached at Northwestern, a title McGarigle earned last year by leading the Wildcats in tackles despite missing nearly two games with a concussion. "Tim is an outstanding football player," Walker says. "He has added some substance to his frame, but he still runs well. He plays with a great deal of passion."

McGarigle and John Pickens ranked No. 1 and No. 3 at Northwestern in tackles last year, and are both All-Big Ten candidates.

The big question is who will replace graduated middle linebacker Pat Durr. Three sophomores are competing for that spot. Erryn Cobb led that competition during spring practices, but Demetrius Eaton and Adam Kadela also were in the running for the starting spot. Expect some frequent rotation there if no one player makes a convincing statement this fall.

## Defensive Backs

More experience returns in a speedy secondary unit. But those returners must play better than they did last year when the Wildcats gave up more than 250 yards passing per game.

Cornerbacks Marvin Ward, Jeff Backes and Marquice Cole return, along with safety Dominique Price. Ward and Price are hard-hitting tacklers. Safety Bryan Heinz, a former walk-on who played for the first time last year, led the unit with five interceptions last year.

Several newcomers also will contribute.

Derrell Jenkins makes the move from running back to the secondary this season. Herschel Henderson returns after missing all last season with a knee injury.

## Specialists

Walker didn't hide his displeasure with the kicking game last year, but he always did maintain his faith in the familiar faces coming back this year. He demonstrated that faith by not signing any kickers in this year's recruiting class.

Instead, the Wildcats will continue to rely on Brian Huffman, who had been the Wildcats' punter but added placekicking duties when Slade Larscheid injured his hip at mid-season. Huffman hit 5-of-7 field goals in the second half of the season but saw his punting drop off.

Backes, Philmore and Jenkins will compete for return duties as they did much of last year. Jenkins showed the most promise, averaging 17.8 yards per return the final six games of the season.

## Outside the Huddle

**Eight still great** Northwestern made history as the eighth Big Ten team to earn a bowl bid last year. The Wildcats lost 28-24 to Bowling Green, but as Walker says, "I've never seen a bad bowl game. There are 28 bowl games and I'm glad we were in one."

**Tough slate ahead** The Wildcats again will play one of the toughest schedules in the country, with eight teams that went to bowl games on the schedule. That includes three of Northwestern's four non-conference opponents — TCU, Kansas and Hawaii.

**A Cats' dozen** Northwestern also will be one of the few schools in the country that will play 12 games due to a previous commitment to play at Hawaii on Nov. 27.

**Select company** Walker is just the second Northwestern football coach to take the Wildcats to two bowl games, the 2000 Alamo Bowl and the 2003 Motor City Bowl. No Wildcats coach has ever made three bowl trips.

**Wait 'til next year** Northwestern has not won all of its regular-season non-conference games in 41 years.



**Head Coach: Randy Walker • Record at School: 24-35 (5 years) • Career Record: 83-70-5 (14 years)**  
**Offensive Coordinator: Mike Dunbar • Defensive Coordinator: Greg Colby • Evanston, Ill. • Ryan Field (47,130)**

## 2004 Northwestern Roster

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
18 Bachér, C.J.	QB	6'2"	190	Fr.	Sacramento, CA
14 Basanez, Brett	QB	6'2"	210	Jr.	Arlington Heights, IL
11 Malleo, Chris	QB	6'3"	215	Fr.	Wall Township, NJ
Running Backs					
23 Hamlett, Gerard	RB	5'10"	175	Fr.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
33 Herron, Noah	RB	5'11"	230	Sr.	Mattawan, MI
4 Hunter, Akeem	RB	5'11"	205	Fr.	Chicago, IL
26 Jordan, Terrell	RB	5'10"	200	Jr.	Clarkston, GA
29 Roberson, Brandon	RB	5'9"	190	Fr.	Pearland, TX
36 Shanks, Nathan	RB	5'11"	220	Fr.	Taylorville, IL
Receivers					
86 Abernathy, Frayne	TE	6'3"	235	Fr.	North Augusta, SC
2 Aikens, Ashton	WR	6'2"	200	Sr.	Detroit, MI
96 Bass, Frank	WR	6'3"	190	Sr.	Minneapolis, MN
88 Batis, Eric	WR	6'1"	205	Jr.	San Antonio, TX
81 Burdex, A.J.	WR	6'3"	200	Fr.	Chickasha, OK
32 Cheatham, Sam	WR	5'10"	185	Fr.	San Leandro, CA
10 Ferguson, Joseph	WR	6'1"	195	So.	Overland Park, KS
1 Fields, Jonathan	WR	5'8"	175	Jr.	Sweeny, TX
3 Herbert, Shaun	WR	6'1"	205	So.	Oxon Hill, MD
5 Horn, Brandon	WR	6'1"	220	Jr.	Farmington, MI
87 Jones, T.J.	WR	6'2"	180	Fr.	Southfield, MI
47 Jones, Taylor	TE	6'3"	260	Jr.	Gladstone, MO
89 Lane, Ross	WR	6'3"	180	Fr.	Ft. Myers, FL
83 Mansfield, Sean	TE	6'3"	240	Jr.	Alpharetta, GA
27 McPherson, Reggie	WR	6'1"	180	Fr.	San Leandro, CA
85 Paoli, Adam	WR	5'9"	175	Jr.	Chicago, IL
9 Philmore, Mark	WR	5'10"	185	Jr.	Reynoldsburg, OH
82 Rinker, Ben	TE	6'4"	240	Fr.	Barrington, IL
84 Thompson, Kim	WR	6'4"	190	Fr.	Inkster, MI
7 Yarbrough, Jeff	WR	5'11"	175	Fr.	Richton Park, IL
Offensive Linemen					
75 Clarke, Vince	OL	6'5"	305	Jr.	El Cajon, CA
77 Crum, Adam	OL	6'1"	270	Fr.	Anchor Point, AK
69 Devine, Jim	OL	6'2"	290	So.	Jackson, MI
76 Essex, Trai	OL	6'4"	315	Sr.	Fort Wayne, IN
61 Lutzen, Greg	OL	6'4"	290	Jr.	Pewaukee, WI
62 Matthews, Austin	OL	6'5"	285	Fr.	Orange Park, FL
73 McConnell, Fred	OL	6'3"	285	Fr.	Southfield, MI
79 McDole, Rick	OL	6'6"	325	So.	Marysville, OH
60 Ndukwe, Ikechuku	OL	6'4"	320	Sr.	Powell, OH
70 Peterson, Ben	OL	6'7"	300	Fr.	Plymouth, MN
50 Rees, Trevor	OL	6'2"	280	So.	Pearland, TX
63 Strief, Zach	OL	6'7"	335	Jr.	Milford, OH
74 Thiry, Dylan	OL	6'8"	295	Fr.	Louisville, KY
71 Tripodi, Joe	OL	6'3"	300	So.	Chelsea, MI
64 Ulrich, Matt	OL	6'2"	310	Sr.	Streamwood, IL
78 Wohlscheid, Joe	OL	6'7"	310	Jr.	Grand Ledge, MI
Defensive Linemen					
58 Anderson, Warren	DE	6'3"	255	Fr.	Ventura, CA
68 Bardwell, Ron	DT	6'3"	295	So.	Robbins, IL
52 Belding, Joel	DL	6'3"	285	Fr.	Seville, OH
94 Castillo, Luis	DT	6'3"	305	Sr.	Garfield, NJ
97 Clark, Colby	DT	6'2"	290	Sr.	Austin, TX
57 Clark, Matt	DL	6'3"	290	Fr.	Orlando, FL
67 Cofield, Barry	DE	6'4"	305	Jr.	Cleveland Heights, OH
66 Howard, Loren	DE	6'4"	280	Jr.	Scottsdale, AZ
56 Keenan, Ryan	DE	6'4"	280	So.	Westlake, OH
91 Koehn, Mark	DE	6'3"	245	Fr.	Newton, KS
95 Mims, Kevin	DE	6'3"	250	Fr.	The Woodlands, TX
72 Ngene, David	DL	6'3"	260	Fr.	Humble, TX
53 Schultz, Trevor	DL	6'2"	285	So.	Battle Creek, MI
92 Thompson, David	DE	6'3"	265	Jr.	Rockledge, FL
Linebackers					
37 Black, Campbell	LB	6'3"	220	So.	Oklahoma City, OK
44 Cobb, Erryn	LB	6'1"	245	So.	Woodridge, IL
42 Eaton, Demetrius	LB	6'2"	235	So.	Milwaukee, WI
48 Johnson, Rejaie	LB	6'1"	220	Fr.	La Marque, TX
45 Jones, Braden	LB	6'2"	240	Jr.	Harrisburg, PA
43 Kadela, Adam	LB	6'2"	240	So.	Dublin, OH
41 McGarigle, Tim	LB	6'1"	230	Jr.	Chicago, IL
51 Pickens, John	LB	6'2"	240	Sr.	Franklin Lakes, NJ
38 Roach, Nick	LB	6'2"	230	So.	Milwaukee, WI
46 VanderHorst, Eric	LB	6'2"	240	Jr.	Grandville, MI
55 Wagner, Kyle	LB	6'2"	230	Fr.	Jacksonville, FL
Defensive Backs					
28 Backes, Jeff	CB	5'9"	190	Jr.	Columbus, OH
22 Battle, Deante	CB	5'10"	180	Fr.	Fayetteville, GA
35 Black, Ryan	CB	5'10"	175	Fr.	Pasadena, CA
13 Brewer-Griffin, Sundi	CB	6'0"	190	Jr.	St. Paul, MN
19 Brownley, Scott	S	6'1"	200	So.	Schaumburg, IL
34 Butler, André	DB	5'11"	180	Fr.	Dolton, IL
20 Cole, Marquice	CB	5'9"	185	Jr.	Hazel Crest, IL
6 Dious, Cory	CB	5'9"	165	So.	Atlanta, GA
21 Heinz, Bryan	S	6'1"	205	So.	Lone Tree, CO
24 Henderson, Herschel	S	6'3"	195	Jr.	Houston, TX
12 Jenkins, Derell	DB	6'1"	210	Jr.	Bolingbrook, IL
39 Oredugba, David	DB	6'2"	185	Fr.	Sherman Oaks, CA
8 Price, Dominique	S	6'0"	215	Fr.	Louisville, KY
40 Simpson, Eddie	S	6'0"	215	Fr.	Houston, TX
25 Tarver, Frederic	S	6'2"	205	Jr.	Palmyra, VA
17 Ward, Anthony	S	6'1"	200	So.	University Park, IL
31 Ward, Marvin	CB	5'11"	205	Sr.	Landover, MD
Specialists					
98 Horton, Chris	LS	6'2"	250	Jr.	Pickerington, OH
93 Howells, Joel	K	6'4"	225	So.	Sycamore, IL
99 Huffman, Brian	P/K	6'1"	225	Sr.	Schaumburg, IL
15 Larscheid, Slade	K	6'1"	205	So.	Spearfish, SD
90 Pederson, Ryan	P	6'3"	215	Jr.	Westerville, OH

## Projected Depth Chart

Offense (8)					
WR	5	Brandon Horn (Jr.)	3	Shaun Herbert (So.)	
WR	2	Ashton Aikens (Sr.)	88	Eric Batis (Jr.)	
WR	9	Mark Philmore (Jr.)	96	Frank Bass (Sr.)	
LT	76	Trai Essex (Sr.)	78	Joe Wohlscheid (Jr.)	
LG	60	Ikechuku Ndukwe (Sr.)	71	Joe Tripodi (So.)	
C	50	Trevor Rees (So.)	75	Vince Clarke (Jr.)	
RG	64	Matt Ulrich (Sr.)	62	Austin Matthews (Fr.)	
RT	63	Zach Strief (Jr.)	74	Dylan Thiry (So.)	
TE	47	Taylor Jones (Jr.)	83	Sean Mansfield (Jr.)	
QB	14	Brett Basanez (Jr.)	11	Chris Malleo (Fr.)	
TB	33	Noah Herron (Sr.)	26	Terrell Jordan (Jr.)	
Defense (9)					
DE	66	Loren Howard (Jr.)	72	David Ngene (Fr.)	
DT	67	Barry Cofield (Jr.)	56	Ryan Keenan (So.)	
DT	94	Luis Castillo (Sr.)	53	Trevor Schultz (So.)	
DE	97	Colby Clark (Sr.)	92	David Thompson (Jr.)	
OLB	41	Tim McGarigle (Jr.)	46	Eric VanderHorst (Jr.)	
MLB	44	Erryn Cobb (So.)	43	Adam Kadela (So.)	
OLB	51	John Pickens (Sr.)	38	Nick Roach (So.)	
CB	31	Marvin Ward (Sr.)	6	Cory Dious (So.)	
CB	28	Jeff Backes (Jr.)	20	Marquice Cole (Jr.)	
SS	8	Dominique Price (Sr.)	12	Derell Jenkins (Jr.)	
FS	21	Bryan Heinz (So.)	24	Herschel Henderson (Jr.)	
Special Teams					
K	99	Brian Huffman (Sr.)	KR	28	Jeff Backes (Jr.)
P	99	Brian Huffman (Sr.)	PR	9	Mark Philmore (Jr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters  
**BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 Signees

C.J. Bachér	QB	6'2"	190	Sacramento, CA	Ross Lane	WR	6'3"	180	Fort Myers, FL
Joel Belding	DL	6'3"	285	Seville, OH	Kevin Mims	DL	6'3"	250	The Woodlands, TX
Andre Butler	DB	5'11"	180	Dolton, IL	David Oredugba	DB	6'2"	185	Sherman Oaks, CA
Matt Clark	DL	6'3"	290	Orlando, FL	Ben Rinker	TE	6'4"	240	Barrington, IL
Gerard Hamlett	RB	5'10"	175	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Brandon Roberson	RB	5'9"	190	Pearland, TX
Akeem Hunter	RB	5'11"	205	Chicago, IL	Jeff Yarbrough	WR	5'11"	175	Richton Park, IL
Rejaie Johnson	LB	6'1"	220	LaMarque, TX					

Once again, Northwestern coach Randy Walker went after the best athletes in the country, and he's confident he can make a football team out of them. But with just 13 scholarships to hand out, Northwestern's incoming class ranked near the bottom of the Big Ten.

The Wildcats' most heralded signee, California native C.J. Bachér, originally committed to Oregon State but was turned off by the commitments Oregon State secured later in the recruiting process. Bachér contacted Northwestern again, visited and eventually switched his commitment. Jesuit High in Sacramento, where Bachér prepped, has produced three NFL quarterbacks.

Defensive lineman Kevin Mims, out of The Woodlands, Texas, was a nice catch for the Wildcats. He was rated among the top 40 defensive ends in the nation by *Rivals.com*. Mims was courted by Michigan State, Arizona, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, among others, but chose to sign with the Wildcats.

Northwestern regained a foothold in the Chicago area by signing four in-state players, all from city and suburban high schools. Walker also went after running backs, signing three who played that position in high school.

## 2003 Results — 6-7 (4-4 Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 30	at Kansas	W	28-20
S. 6	Air Force	L	21-22
S. 13	Miami (OH)	L	14-44
S. 20	at Duke	W	28-10
S. 27	at Ohio State	L	0-20
O. 4	Minnesota	L	17-42
O. 11	at Indiana (ot)	W	37-31
O. 25	Wisconsin	W	16-7
N. 1	at Purdue	L	14-34
N. 8	Penn State	W	17-7
N. 15	Michigan	L	10-41
N. 22	at Illinois	W	37-20
D. 26	#Bowling Green	L	24-28
	#Motor City Bowl		

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Brett Basanez, 302-162-1,916-12, 4 TDs  
**Rushing:** Noah Herron, 119 car., 739 yds., 5 TDs  
**Receiving:** Mark Philmore, 23 rec., 228 yds., 0 TDs  
**Scoring:** Noah Herron, 6 TDs, 36 points  
**Punting:** Brian Huffman, 72 punts, 39.9 avg.  
**Kicking:** Slade Larscheid, 2-6 FGs, 19-19 XPs, 25 points  
**Tackles:** Tim McGarigle, 140, 82 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Loren Howard, 16 for 78 yds.  
**Sacks:** Loren Howard, 8  
**Interceptions:** Bryan Heinz, 5 for 12 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** Derell Jenkins, 18 ret., 17.8 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Mark Philmore, 4 ret., 22.0 avg.



**W**hat do you do when you lose 13 starters, a Ray Guy Award-winning punter and several members of your staff, including a highly regarded defensive coordinator? You panic, of course, unless you are a program like Ohio State.

"I don't think much is different," defensive end Simon Fraser says. "I mean, we've got a young team but we've got a lot of talent."

It's hard to argue. The Buckeyes, 25-2 in their last two seasons, expect to win and still have a plethora of skill at their disposal. The trick will be to get it to click by October, when Big Ten play commences.

By then coach Jim Tressel will need his quarterback quandary resolved, and a mostly new offensive line will be expected to excel. The defense, which lost coordinator Mark Dantonio to the University of Cincinnati, will need time to jell as well but figures to be the same stingy, hard-hitting unit of recent years.

"Guys feel that we're going to go out there and meet our expectations that we always have had," says cornerback Dustin Fox, one of the few returning starters. "Guys know that we're going to go out there and stop the run."

Still, the coaching staff has its work cut out for it. "We do have a significant transition going on," Tressel admits.

## Quarterbacks

Craig Krenzel's projected replacement, Justin Zwick, arrived with the pressure that comes with lofty expectations. Zwick threw for over 10,000 yards and more than 100 touchdowns as a prep superstar at legendary Massillon (Ohio) Washington High School. He's got a quick release and makes quick decisions. While the offense may be more hit-and-miss with Zwick, he appears able to make the plays to win when given the chance.

The question is, will he actually be afforded the opportunity to throw both often enough and down the field? If not, OSU may be better off with fellow sophomore Troy Smith, who is slippery when taking off out of the backfield and has a knack for moving the chains. Smith is too good an athlete not to have a role.

Tressel says he had a system for playing two quarterbacks at Youngstown State but adds, "I don't know if I prefer that."

## Running Backs

Lydell Ross figures to be the mainstay at tailback — and he won't have the entire Buckeye Nation wondering if Maurice Clarett will reclaim the spot. Ross made it clear the job was his and had a productive spring while incumbent backup Maurice Hall was still recovering from off-season surgery. Now the task is to stay healthy

and put together a monster senior season.

"Lydell has always had the talent and ability to emerge here as a star at Ohio State, and he's getting closer and closer to that each year," fullback Brandon Joe says.

Joe could be onto something himself. He ran effectively as a single setback in the Fiesta Bowl win over Kansas State and should get opportunities to provide a more powerful look. "Hopefully we can build on what happened in that last game," says Joe, who has benched 525 pounds.

OSU will need either a healthy Hall to back up Ross or some production from youngsters such as Tony Pittman and true freshman Eric Haw. Joe has a capable helper in Brandon Schnittker.

## Receivers

Michael Jenkins just left Ohio State as the school's all-time leader in receiving yardage, but highly talented sophomore flanker Santonio Holmes is a worthy heir. "He'll do nothing but get better and better and better, and I expect he'll be a special receiver at Ohio State," Tressel says of Holmes, who put on a Fiesta Bowl show.

At split end, Roy Hall is ready to come into the spotlight. He has great size, hands to match and is a capable route runner. There's plenty of athleticism in reserve, including John Hollins and Devin Jordan, Zwick's favorite target in high school.



Ric Fogel

## Post-Spring Analysis

### Keys to a BCS Bowl

The Buckeyes have had their share of nail-biters in the 'Shoe the last few years yet are a robust 20-2 at home in Jim Tressel's three years as head coach, including a current streak of 16 in a row. If the Buckeyes plan to challenge for the national title, they likely will require more magic in front of the home folks considering Ohio State plans to pay back Wisconsin and Michigan and has testers with Penn State and even Marshall and Cincinnati. Getting things rolling will require quick development in both trenches and good offensive decision-making. If the defensive line can't get the same kind of push as it has in recent years, OSU's bevy of talented linebackers will have to prove they can blitz, cover and wrap up. Plus, Tressel may have to take more chances without his normal favorite weapon — a booming punter.

### 2004 Schedule

S. 4	Cincinnati	W
S. 11	Marshall	W
S. 18	at NC State	W
O. 2	at Northwestern	W
O. 9	Wisconsin	W
<b>O. 16</b>	<b>at Iowa</b>	*
O. 23	Indiana	W
O. 30	Penn State	W
N. 6	at Michigan State	W
N. 13	at Purdue	W
<b>N. 20</b>	<b>Michigan</b>	*

\*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

**Lydell Ross: 826 yards rushing, 10 touchdowns in 2003**

Ric Fogel





*Simon Fraser*





**Dustin Fox**

Ryan Hamby is the best weapon at tight end, but Jason Caldwell can separate and catch the ball.

## Offensive Linemen

Less girth, more production. At least that's the hope for this unit, with beefy veterans such as Adrien Clarke, Shane Olivea and Alex Stepanovich out the door and a lean but hungry contingent emerging. "I feel good about the athleticism we have up front," Tressel says.

### NUMBERS GAME

**14** The Buckeyes lost a staggering 14 players to the latest NFL draft, a record for seven rounds. Replacing that huge chunk of talent will be a supreme challenge.

Nick Mangold could become one of the finest centers in the country. He'll be flanked by new starters in Mike Kne and Doug Datish, with Andree Tyree and true frosh Kyle Mitchum also in the mix. Rob Sims, now the largest of the group at 6'4" and 305 pounds, is expected to hold down left tackle spot with right tackle still up for grabs.

Depth could become a concern, especially with the versatile Adam Olds likely to miss the season due to injury.

## Defensive Linemen

Fraser blinked and became the old man of the defensive front four as Will Smith, Darri-

Maupin emerged with stellar spring showings, and Joel Penton and David Patterson earned quality time last year.

## Linebackers

This unit is deep, tough and disruptive. Anthony Schlegel, a transfer from Air Force, should bring a fierceness back to the middle of OSU's 4-3 attack. His emergence is a blessing with Mike D'Andrea trying to rebound from a shoulder injury. It also could mean even bigger things from weak-side linebacker A.J. Hawk, a scary thought. Bobby Carpenter, probably the best pass rusher of the group, is a comfortable fit on the strong side.

Among the many impressive reserves are true freshman Marcus Freeman and John Kerr, a transfer who was a tackle machine at Indiana.

## Defensive Backs

Fox is now the mainstay in the secondary and will bring daily competitiveness and leadership to practice and games. "He's been out there on the boundary with little help, but he's always up to the test," Tressel says of his three-year starting cornerback.

Chris Gamble's early departure left a hole at the other corner spot, but the list of prospects is long, with super recruit Ted Ginn Jr., veteran Harlen Jacobs, and up-and-comers Ashton Youboty and E.J. Underwood. Tressel terms Underwood as someone who is "as talented a young person as perhaps we've had at the corner position."

When last we saw free safety Nate Salley he

Scott and Tim Anderson now will ply their trade in the NFL.

"I grew close to Will and Darri- and Tim as friends," Fraser says. "Seeing these guys do well now, I'm real happy for them, but I wish there was some rule where we could make them come back. I miss those guys."

Fraser will line up outside and Mike Kudla, a converted linebacker, is most likely to get the most time at the other end spot. The two interior spots are a grab bag, but defensive line coach Jim Heacock likes his options as Marcus Green and Quinn Pitcock are near-immovable objects, Sian Cotton and Brandon

## RISEING STAR

*All of Ohio State's special defenses, it seems, have included a standout performer at middle linebacker, and the Buckeyes have another bruiser there in transfer **Anthony Schlegel**. A product of the Air Force Academy, Schlegel has been a wrecking ball in practice and appears perfectly suited to play inside — and flourish — right away.*

was pounding Michigan Wolverines and Kansas State Wildcats on national television. Stardom is just ahead. Donte Whitner and Tyler Everett both merit playing time at strong safety. Whitner also can play nickel, as can Jacobs.

## Specialists

The good news is that placekicker Mike Nugent is back and will have a chance to set records as a senior. The bad news is that All-America punter B.J. Sander is gone, and there's no clear-cut replacement heading into the fall.

The Buckeyes may have discovered their punt returner of the future in Youboty and also will welcome decorated freshman Ginn Jr., who has Olympic trial-caliber speed.

Kickoff returns could be a season-long experiment, but there are plenty of skill people from which to choose.

## Outside the Huddle

**Oh, brother** The Buckeyes not only lost Maurice Claret but also respected running backs coach Tim Spencer, who took a similar post with the Chicago Bears. The backs' new boss is Dick Tressel, brother to the head coach and a previous team administrator. "The exciting thing for me is now I'm teaching them their favorite class," he says.

**UC you later** As fate would have it, former defensive coordinator Mark Dantonio's head coaching debut for the University of Cincinnati will come Sept. 4 in Ohio Stadium. "It'll be kind of fun and exciting," OSU defensive end Simon Fraser says. "There will be good media hype and all that."

**Revved up for Harley** A team official disclosed in the spring that Ohio State plans to retire the jersey of the late, great Chic Harley, the program's first true star and three-time All-American (1916-17, '19). Ohio Stadium is still referred to as The House That Harley Built because of his popularity and on-field brilliance, which, as much as anything, led to the construction of the stadium, which Harley helped dedicate in 1922.

**Two out of three ain't bad** Head coach Jim Tressel has a 2-1 record against Michigan and also in bowl games while his predecessor, John Cooper, left with respective marks of 2-10-1 and 3-8.



**Head Coach: Jim Tressel • Record at School: 32-7 (3 years) • Career Record: 167-64-2 (18 years)**  
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## 2004 Ohio State Roster

## Projected Depth Chart

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
10 Smith, Troy	QB	6'1"	205	So.	Cleveland, OH
24 Trombitas, Matt	QB	6'5"	224	Jr.	Dublin, OH
12 Zwick, Justin	QB	6'4"	225	So.	Massillon, OH

Running Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
35 Anderson, George	FB	5'11"	225	Fr.	Columbus, OH
36 DeMaria, Michael	TB	5'9"	190	Sr.	Oregon, OH
39 Fender, Steve	FB/DE	6'4"	240	Fr.	Toledo, OH
40 Franzinger, Ryan	FB	6'1"	250	Fr.	Westlake, OH
28 Hall, Maurice	TB	5'10"	200	Sr.	Columbus, OH
38 Joe, Brandon	FB	6'0"	245	Sr.	Westerville, OH
44 Johnson, Matthew	RB	5'11"	190	Fr.	Upper Arlington, OH
35 Miller, Grant	FB	6'0"	245	Fr.	Roscoe, OH
20 Parker, Roshawn	RB	5'11"	219	Sr.	Columbus, OH
25 Pittman, Tony	RB	5'11"	190	Fr.	Akron, OH
30 Ross, Lydell	TB	6'0"	220	Sr.	Tampa, FL
43 Schnittker, Brandon	FB	6'1"	250	Jr.	Sandusky, OH
33 Staubs, Colby	RB	6'0"	200	So.	Manchester, OH
89 White Jr., Stan	FB	6'3"	238	So.	Baltimore, MD

Receivers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
87 Caldwell, Jason	TE	6'5"	265	Sr.	Mentor, OH
3 Childress, Bam	FL	5'10"	185	Sr.	Warrensville Heights, OH
11 Gonzalez, Anthony	WR	6'0"	190	Fr.	Cleveland, OH
8 Hall, Roy	SE	6'3"	228	So.	Lyndhurst, OH
80 Hamby, Ryan	TE	6'5"	240	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
19 Harden, Derek	WR	5'11"	180	Fr.	Logan, OH
96 Hoewischer, Jordan	TE	6'4"	240	Fr.	Sidney, OH
84 Hollins, John	SE	6'2"	205	Sr.	Huber Heights, OH
4 Holmes, Santonio	FL	5'11"	185	So.	Belle Glade, FL
82 Jordan, Devin	WR	6'3"	190	Fr.	Massillon, OH
86 Lee, Maurice	FL	5'10"	180	Sr.	Cleveland, OH
18 Lisko, David	WR	6'0"	190	Fr.	Hilliard, OH
37 Luke, Jamal	WR	5'11"	175	Sr.	Columbus, OH
54 Smith, Brandon	TE/LB	6'3"	240	Fr.	Euclid, OH
9 Ullery, Brent	WR	6'0"	193	Fr.	Centerville, OH

Offensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
74 Barton, Kirk	T	6'6"	280	Fr.	Massillon, OH
53 Buie, Caesar	OL	6'3"	285	Fr.	Shaker Heights, OH
66 Coleman, R.J.	G	6'5"	285	So.	Clarksburg, WV
59 Conroy, John	OL	6'3"	275	Jr.	Bay Village, OH
50 Datish, Doug	T	6'5"	290	So.	Warren, OH
72 Downing, T.J.	T	6'5"	300	So.	Canton, OH
78 Dye, Daniel	OL	6'3"	271	Fr.	Napoleon, OH
52 Kne, Mike	G	6'4"	300	Sr.	Cleveland, OH
55 Mangold, Nick	C	6'4"	280	Jr.	Kettering, OH
62 McLaughlin, John	T	6'6"	290	Sr.	Fairview Park, OH
64 Olds, Adam	G	6'4"	290	Jr.	Dublin, OH
68 Schafer, Tim	T	6'5"	290	So.	Upper Arlington, OH
77 Sims, Rob	T	6'4"	305	Jr.	Macedonia, OH
69 Tyree, Andree	G	6'3"	300	Jr.	London, OH
79 Whaley, Justin	OL	6'6"	300	Fr.	Ironton, OH
73 Winner, Steve	C	6'6"	270	Jr.	Dublin, OH

Defensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
83 Arden, Redgie	DE	6'4"	240	Jr.	Ironton, OH
65 Coker, Derek	DL	6'2"	290	So.	Findlay, OH
95 Cotton, Sian	DT	6'3"	290	Fr.	Akron, OH
74 Culver, Bryce	DE	6'4"	225	Sr.	Lewis Center, OH
75 Fraser, Simon	DE	6'6"	265	Sr.	Upper Arlington, OH
84 Frost, Marcel	DE	6'5"	240	Fr.	Lyndhurst, OH
94 Green, Marcus	DT	6'3"	290	Jr.	Louisville, KY
57 Kudla, Mike	DE	6'3"	255	Jr.	Medina, OH
70 Maupin, Brandon	DL	6'6"	290	So.	West Chester, OH
97 Patterson, David	DT	6'3"	285	So.	Warrensville Heights, OH
98 Penton, Joel	DT	6'5"	255	So.	Van Wert, OH
90 Pitcock, Quinn	DT	6'4"	285	So.	Piqua, OH
99 Richardson, Jay	DE	6'5"	245	So.	Dublin, OH
65 Schlichter, Chris	DL	6'1"	250	Fr.	Washington Court House, OH

Linebackers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
58 Bradley, Joe	LB	6'3"	213	Jr.	Upper Arlington, OH
42 Carpenter, Bobby	SLB	6'3"	240	Jr.	Lancaster, OH
5 D'Andrea, Mike	MLB	6'3"	240	Jr.	Avon Lake, OH
4 Hawk, A.J.	WLB	6'2"	230	Jr.	Centerville, OH
3 Kerr, John	LB	6'1"	246	So.	Strongsville, OH
1 Matthews, Thomas	WLB	6'2"	210	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
23 Robinson, Trevor	LB	6'0"	196	Fr.	Richmond, VA
51 Schlegel, Anthony	MLB	6'2"	245	Jr.	Highland Park, TX
48 Smith, Reggie	LB	6'3"	225	Fr.	East Cleveland, OH

Defensive Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
6 Everett, Tyler	SS	6'1"	185	Jr.	Canton, OH
37 Fox, Dustin	CB	6'0"	190	Sr.	Canton, OH
34 Harley, Rob	DB	6'2"	202	Sr.	Elmhurst, IL
19 Haslam, De'Angelo	DB	5'9"	170	Fr.	Akron, OH
1 Hiley, Darius	DB/WR	6'1"	195	Fr.	Cleveland, OH
13 Jacobs, Harlen	CB	6'1"	197	Sr.	Atlanta, GA
36 Lukens, Curt	FS	6'3"	200	Fr.	North Canton, OH
32 Mitchell, Brandon	FS	6'3"	190	So.	Atlanta, GA
20 Moore, Steven	CB	5'10"	185	Sr.	Columbus, OH
24 Roberts, Mike	CB	5'11"	178	So.	Toronto, ON
21 Salley, Nate	FS	6'3"	205	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
61 Scott, Wes	SS	6'2"	180	Fr.	Detroit, MI
14 Smith, Antonio	DB	5'10"	185	So.	Columbus, OH
2 Underwood, E.J.	CB	6'1"	175	Jr.	Hamilton, OH
9 Whitner, Donte	SS	5'11"	185	So.	Cleveland, OH
26 Youboty, Ashton	CB	6'2"	187	So.	Klein, TX

Specialists	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
60 Andrews, Kyle	LS	5'11"	245	Sr.	Middletown, OH
23 Huston, Josh	K/P	6'1"	195	Sr.	Findlay, OH
85 Nugent, Mike	K	5'10"	170	Sr.	Centerville, OH
17 Pierce, Brian	K	6'0"	190	Fr.	Rocky River, OH
15 Trapasso, A.J.	P	6'1"	220	Fr.	Pickerington, OH
86 Turano, Kyle	P/K	6'0"	195	Sr.	Worthington, OH

Offense (5)			
SE	8	Roy Hall (So.)	84 John Hollins (Sr.)
FL	4	Santonio Holmes (So.)	3 Bam Childress (Sr.)
LT	77	Rob Sims (Jr.)	72 T.J. Downing (So.)
LG	50	Doug Datish (So.)	69 Andree Tyree (Jr.)
C	55	Nick Mangold (Jr.)	73 Steve Winner (Jr.)
RG	52	Mike Kne (Sr.)	66 R.J. Coleman (So.)
RT	68	Tim Schafer (So.)	74 Kirk Barton (Fr.)
TE	80	Ryan Hamby (Jr.)	87 Jason Caldwell (Sr.)
QB	12	Justin Zwick (So.)	10 Troy Smith (So.)
FB	38	Brandon Joe (Sr.)	43 Brandon Schnittker (Jr.)
TB	30	Lydell Ross (Sr.)	28 Maurice Hall (Sr.)

Defense (4)			
DE	75	Simon Fraser (Sr.)	99 Jay Richardson (So.)
DT	94	Marcus Green (Jr.)	97 David Patterson (So.)
DT	90	Quinn Pitcock (So.)	98 Joel Penton (So.)
DE	57	Mike Kudla (Jr.)	83 Redgie Arden (Jr.)
SLB	42	Bobby Carpenter (Jr.)	17 Marcus Freeman (Fr.)
MLB	51	Anthony Schlegel (Jr.)	5 Mike D'Andrea (Jr.)
WLB	47	A.J. Hawk (Jr.)	1 Thomas Matthews (Sr.)
CB	37	Dustin Fox (Sr.)	13 Harlen Jacobs (Sr.)
CB	2	E.J. Underwood (Jr.)	26 Ashton Youboty (So.)
FS	21	Nate Salley (Jr.)	32 Brandon Mitchell (So.)
SS	9	Donte Whitner (So.)	6 Tyler Everett (Jr.)

Special Teams			
K	85	Mike Nugent (Sr.)	KR 28 Maurice Hall (Sr.)
P	23	Josh Huston (Sr.)	PR 4 Santonio Holmes (So.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters  
**BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 Signees

Nader Abdallah	DL	6'3"	295	Metairie, LA	Devon Lyons	WR	6'4"	215	N. Braddock, PA
Alex Barrow	DL	6'4"	245	Dublin, OH	Kyle Mitchum	OL	6'6"	275	Erie, PA
Todd Boeckman	QB	6'5"	235	St. Henry, OH	Rory Nicol	TE	6'5"	245	Beaver, PA
Albert Dukes	WR	6'1"	180	Belle Glade, FL	Nick Patterson	DB	6'2"	210	St. Louis, MO
Marcus Freeman	LB	6'3"	240	Huber Hts., OH	Ben Person	OL	6'4"	300	Xenia, OH
Vernon Gholston	DL	6'4"	245	Detroit, MI	Steve Rehling	OL	6'8"	315	West Chester, OH
Ted Ginn Jr.	DB	6'0"	175	Cleveland, OH	Jon Skinner	OL	6'5"	280	Mt. Carmel, PA
Eric Haw	RB	6'1"	220	Columbus, OH	Brandon Smith	LB	6'3"	240	Euclid, OH
Chad Hoobler	TE	6'3"	225	Carrollton, OH	Curtis Terry	LB	6'2"	205	Cleveland, OH
Dionte Johnson	RB	6'0"	230	Columbus, OH	Brandon Underwood	DB	6'2"	170	Hamilton, OH
Dennis Kennedy	RB	5'11"	190	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Sirjo Welch	DB	6'0"	185	Columbus, OH
Shaun Lane	DB	5'10"	180	Hubbard, OH					

Longtime recruiting coordinator Bill Conley went out with a bang. His last class before he stepped down netted Ohio State the usual top 10 mention nationally. Diversity was the buzzword as OSU hauled in a 23-man group that included 14 of the top prospects in Ohio and eye-opening talent from five other states. Plus, OSU addressed needs at virtually every position and reeled in several athletes who could play on either side of the ball. One such recruit is cornerback/return man Ted Ginn Jr. of Cleveland, who has hinted he also wants to try his hand at receiver. Ginn was named the Defensive Player of the Year by *USA TODAY* and was ranked No. 2 among all prospects nationally by Rivals.com. Other Ohioans who could make a quick splash include running back Eric Haw and linebacker Marcus Freeman. OSU landed four highly rated players from Pennsylvania and also pulled a coup by grabbing big-time defensive lineman Vernon Gholston out of Detroit.

## 2003 Results — 11-2 (6-2 Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 30	Washington	W	28-9
S. 6	San Diego State	W	16-13
S. 13	NC State	(ot) W	44-38
S. 20	Bowling Green	W	24-17
S. 27	Northwestern	W	20-0
O. 11	at Wisconsin	L	10-17
O. 18	Iowa	W	19-10
O. 25	at Indiana	W	35-6
N. 1	at Penn State	W	21-20
N. 8	Michigan State	W	33-23
N. 15	Purdue	(ot) W	16-13
N. 22	at Michigan	L	21-35
J. 2	#Kansas State	W	35-28
	#Fiesta Bowl		

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Justin Zwick, 8-4-24-0, 0 TDs  
**Rushing:** Lydell Ross, 193 car., 826 yds., 10 TDs  
**Receiving:** Santonio Holmes, 32 rec., 549 yds., 7 TDs  
**Scoring:** Mike Nugent, 16 FGs, 38 XPs, 86 points  
**Punting:** None  
**Kicking:** Mike Nugent, 16-19 FGs, 38-38 XPs, 86 points  
**Tackles:** A.J. Hawk, 106, 52 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** A.J. Hawk, 13 for 49 yds.  
**Sacks:** Bobby Carpenter, 4.5  
**Interceptions:** Dustin Fox, 3 for 6 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** Maurice Hall, 10 ret., 19.8 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Santonio Holmes, 7 ret., 4.3 avg.





**A**fter his team bumbled to a school-record nine losses in 2003, Penn State coach Joe Paterno sees a couple of keys to rebounding this year. "Number one is we have to tackle better," he says, "and we have to catch the ball."

Running the ball more effectively would help, too. So would improved blocking and passing. And shoring up the worst special teams in the Big Ten. And becoming more aggressive on defense, particularly in pressuring the quarterback. And addressing the second-worst turnover margin in the conference.

Come to think of it, there is scarcely an area NOT in need of polish, including the effort of the coaching staff. Defensive coordinator Tom Bradley puts it best when he says, "We just have to get tougher." Physically. Mentally. Everywhere.

### Quarterbacks

Paterno and new offensive coordinator Galen Hall are in a bind. Veteran lefty Zack Mills is on track to smash the school record for career passing yards. But he has yet to survive an entire season without some sort of injury.

The backup is athletically blessed Michael Robinson, who also has seen time at wideout, tailback and even fullback in his career. It would make sense to make Robinson a starter at another posi-

tion. But with no proven depth behind the top two quarterbacks, the staff can't afford to move him.

So Robinson will stay at QB and perhaps see spot action as a receiver.

Hall, a former PSU quarterback whose long coaching career included the coordinator's job at Oklahoma, the head coaching job at Florida and a variety of assistant positions in the professional ranks, has a reputation for developing passers. He likes what he's seen of Mills and Robinson, calling them "two talented quarterbacks."

### Running Backs

Hall is known for producing NFL running backs, too. The name Emmitt Smith is the first that jumps to mind. And that's good news for sophomores Austin Scott and Tony Hunt, who both struggled as rookies largely because they did not have defined roles. One week Scott would start. The next he wouldn't log a snap.

Scott has great feet and a nose for the hole. Hunt is more of a power back. Both have good hands, which will be a key as Penn State attempts to play more ball-control offense. Senior Mike Gasparato is the best receiver of the bunch and will likely see most of his time as a third-down back.

Fifth-year senior Paul Jefferson takes over at fullback after a redshirt season.

"Paul is a very important person in our plans," Paterno says. "He is a big, strong fullback and a really good lead blocker."

### Receivers

The Lions must replace their top two receivers and position coach Kenny Carter from a year ago, which may not be a bad thing given how poorly this position performed. "Our wideouts were horrible," Paterno says.

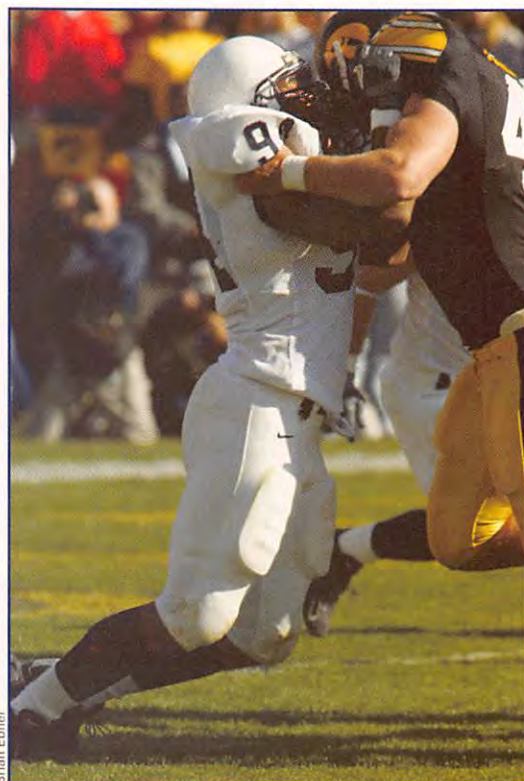
New receivers coach Mike McQueary is looking to speedy Terrance Phillips to develop into the deep threat PSU has lacked since Bryant Johnson in 2002. Gio Vendemia has been moved over from cornerback to add more acceleration.

The wild card here is Terrell Golden, a rangy redshirt freshman with all of the tools (size, quickness, good hands) to excel. But can he put it all together in front of 108,000 at Beaver Stadium?

The top three tight ends are gone, too, and that's not a good thing as all three played well. Seldom-used Isaac Smolko is attempting to hold off transplanted defensive end John Bronson for the top job.

### Offensive Linemen

This should be PSU's best offensive front since the mid-1990s. The Lions will attempt to take advantage of the talent by using a zone blocking scheme, a system



Brian Ebner

## Post-Spring Analysis

### Keys to a Turnaround

Joe Paterno must tighten up his entire operation, starting with a coaching staff that was confused at times last season and continuing with players who have yet to deliver in clutch situations against quality opponents. A lack of off-the-field discipline, which has seen an embarrassing number of Lions tumble into the police blotter, has been an issue, too. That lax discipline may explain why the team has become so sloppy on the field, where fundamentals like tackling and catching have become weaknesses. How to fix it? It began in the spring, when the staff focused on basics while putting the Lions through some of the most brutal practices any of them have experienced. The talent to go bowling is there. But it won't happen unless the old coach continues to take a hard line — on the field and off.

### 2004 Schedule

S. 4	Akron	W
S. 11	at Boston College	L
S. 18	UCF	W
S. 25	at Wisconsin	L
O. 2	at Minnesota	L
O. 9	Purdue	L
O. 23	Iowa	L
O. 30	at Ohio State	L
N. 6	Northwestern	W
N. 13	at Indiana	W
N. 20	Michigan State	*

\*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

**Derek Wake: Six blocked kicks in his Penn State career**

Bruce Schwartzman





*Zack Mills*





Michael Robinson

that has served Iowa so well recently.

A year after switching over from the defensive line, left tackle Levi Brown has the look of an all-conference pick and future pro. A big bonus here is the return of former starter E.Z. Smith after a season-long disciplinary suspension. Smith moves from guard to center, an easy transition considering his prep background as a snapper.

Penn State protected the passer well in 2003, allowing only 19 sacks on 396 pass attempts. The focal point in the off-season was improving the run-blocking. Having Jefferson at fullback and the 257-pound Smolko at tight end will help, as will the zone techniques.

## NUMBERS GAME

**3** Penn State has had three losing seasons in the last four years. The Lions had one losing campaign in the six decades before that.

## Defensive Linemen

A series of late-spring suspensions for off-field misbehavior caused the staff to mix things up here, and a once-deep area could wind up thin. Tackle Ed Johnson and ends Laven Chisley and Matt Rice were all expected to contribute in 2004. Now all are in limbo, hoping the coaching staff and the university allow them back on the team come fall.

To compensate, two former starters at other positions — tackle Tamba Hali and linebacker

## RIISING STAR

*Which will be more fun: Watching sophomore linebacker Paul Posluszny attack opponents? Or hearing TV announcers butcher his name? For the record, it is pronounced "PUZ-LUZ-nee." Get used to hearing it, because this headhunter has a mean streak that's been missing from the PSU linebacking corps in recent years.*

Derek Wake — have been moved to end. The shift should be positive for both. At 270, Hali was too light to play inside. And the athletic Wake should help revive a nonexistent pass rush.

The Lions are still undersized in the middle though, as projected starting tackles Jay Alford and Scott Paxson each check in at about 280.

## Linebackers

Penn State hasn't had a playmaker at linebacker since LaVar Arrington and Brandon Short were prowling the field in 1999. Bradley knows that must change if the Lions are to

improve on the second-worst run defense in the Big Ten.

So fullback Brandon Snow has been plugged in at middle linebacker. And speedy sophomore Paul Posluszny is the odds-on favorite to man one outside spot. Meanwhile, true freshman Dan Connor, the star of PSU's most recent recruiting class, will get every opportunity to win the other outside post.

All three players were star running backs in high school, just as former PSU All-America 'backers Arrington, Andre Collins and Shane Conlan were in their day. Bradley says there's not much difference between linebackers and running backs, in that both are trying to hit the same hole as quickly as possible.

## Defensive Backs

In Chris Harrell, Andrew Guman and Calvin Lowry, the Nittany Lions have a tested three-man rotation to handle the two safety positions. Likewise, Alan Zemaitis proved himself as a lock-down corner in 2003 by leading the Big Ten in pass breakups.

The concern here is at the other corner position, where talented Rich Gardner has graduated. Converted safety Anwar Phillips gets first crack at the position. In case he can't handle it, Donnie Johnson and Brent Wise have been moved over from receiver.

## Specialists

Despite a 2003 disaster that saw Penn State finish last in the NCAA in average yards per kickoff return and allow three punt returns for touchdowns, Paterno steadfastly refuses to

appoint a special teams coach, meaning the specialty units are not THE priority for anyone.

Which may explain why Lowry, who fumbled five times (losing four), was the primary punt- and kick-return man.

If he's completely recovered from knee surgery, redshirt freshman Rodney Kinlaw will make a splash in the return game. When healthy, he's the fastest player on the team.

Senior Robbie Gould is back to handle placekicking. He's been inconsistent throughout his career, which could be dangerous considering there's no experience behind him.

A big hit here is the loss of kickoff specialist David Kimball, who allowed the opposition to bring back only 14 of 51 attempts in 2003.

Punter Jeremy Kapinos booms the ball a mile but must improve his hang time. He skipped spring ball due to a disciplinary suspension.

## Outside the Huddle

**Age-old question** Who else but a 77-year-old head coach replaces an offensive coordinator in his 50s with one in his 60s? That's what Joe Paterno did in shuffling his staff. Longtime coordinator Fran Ganter became assistant athletic director for football operations. He was replaced by 63-year-old Galen Hall, the former head coach at Florida. How old is Hall? When he was a quarterback at Penn State in the late 1950s and early '60s, Paterno was merely an assistant coach with the program.

**Not so sweet home** Penn State was ranked No. 1 in the nation when Minnesota stunned the Lions 24-23 at Beaver Stadium Nov. 6, 1999. Since then, PSU hasn't been the same in Happy Valley, going .500 (9-9) in its last 18 Big Ten home games.

**E.Z. go, E.Z. come** Offensive lineman E.Z. Smith was suspended from the team last season due to an on-campus underage drinking offense. Smith is back now, playing at his more natural position of center after starting at guard as a freshman in 2002.

**Conference call** Corner Alan Zemaitis was a second-team All-Big Ten pick last season after leading the conference in pass breakups. He is the only man on the current roster to land anywhere on the 2003 All-Big Ten teams.



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32 Gasparato, Mike	TB	5'11"	216	Sr.	Irmo, SC
47 Gilmore, Brian	FB	5'11"	243	Jr.	Summerville, PA
26 Hunt, Tony	RB	6'2"	218	So.	Alexandria, VA
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88 Darling, Kevin	TE	6'3"	228	So.	Springfield, VA
23 Engel, Dan	WR	6'0"	174	Fr.	Newtown Square, PA
21 Firestone, Ian	WR	6'0"	185	So.	Sinking Spring, PA
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66 Antolick, Lance	C	6'3"	274	Jr.	Jersey Shore, PA
79 Auletta, Chris	T	6'4"	298	Fr.	Massapequa Park, NY
67 Brown, Levi	T	6'5"	311	So.	Norfolk, VA
62 Daise, Nick	OL	6'1"	221	So.	Camp Hill, PA
54 Davis, Scott	G	6'3"	288	Sr.	Parkersburg, WV
71 Farris, Mark	T	6'6"	284	So.	Pittsburgh, PA
58 Harrison, Greg	OL	6'5"	288	Fr.	Shenandoah, PA
73 Holler, Joel	OL	6'5"	328	Fr.	Lancaster, PA
72 Lisi, Lee	T	6'5"	284	Fr.	Pittston, PA
65 Price, Robert	G	6'0"	305	So.	Shaker Heights, OH
74 Reed, Tyler	G	6'4"	303	Jr.	Jefferson Borough, PA
50 Richardson, Andrew	T	6'5"	294	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA
59 Rush, Charles	G	6'2"	298	Jr.	Erie, PA
77 Smith, E.Z.	C	6'1"	276	Jr.	Concord, NC
60 Weber, Patrick	OL	6'1"	273	Fr.	Arnold, PA
68 Wilson, John	T	6'6"	319	Jr.	Ormond Beach, FL
Defensive Linemen					
85 Alford, Jay	DT	6'3"	279	So.	Orange, NJ
97 Bauer, Greg	DE	6'3"	241	Jr.	Bethlehem, PA
76 Cheek, Richard	DL	6'2"	292	Fr.	Philadelphia, PA
17 Chisley, Lavon	DE	6'5"	265	Jr.	Waldorf, MD
91 Hali, Tamba	DE	6'3"	273	Jr.	Teaneck, NJ
44 Hall, Patrick	DE	6'2"	257	So.	Canton, GA
92 Johnson, Ed	DT	6'2"	296	So.	Detroit, MI
75 Kuzemchak, Lee	DT	6'4"	291	So.	Clymer, PA
41 Paxson, Scott	DT	6'5"	275	Jr.	Philadelph, PA
54 Purcell, Amani	DE	6'3"	260	Fr.	Leone, American Samoa
55 Rice, Matthew	DE	6'4"	262	Jr.	Glenarden, MD
53 Roach, Steve	DL	6'2"	311	So.	Martinsburg, WV
95 Robinson, Elijah	DL	6'2"	290	Fr.	Camden, NJ
69 Robinson, Jason	DT	6'3"	281	Sr.	Woodbury, NJ
78 Shaw, John	DT	6'4"	278	So.	Spring Grove, PA
94 Wake, Derek	DE	6'3"	241	Sr.	Beltville, MD
Linebackers					
45 Bedics, Pat	LB	6'0"	230	Fr.	Bethlehem, PA
44 Brown, John	LB	6'1"	199	Fr.	Phoenix, AZ
49 Burton, Dorian	LB	6'0"	221	Jr.	State College, PA
40 Connor, Dan	LB	6'3"	218	Fr.	Wallingford, PA
90 Kilmer, Ethan	LB	6'0"	202	Jr.	Wyalusing, PA
38 Mitchell, Jimi	OLB	6'2"	214	Sr.	Exeter, PA
48 Pavelic, Matt	LB	6'1"	215	So.	Mechanicsburg, PA
31 Posluszny, Paul	LB	6'2"	228	So.	Aliquippa, PA
20 Shaw, Tim	LB	6'1"	230	So.	Livonia, MI
30 Snow, Brandon	LB	6'1"	238	So.	Wilmington, DE
56 Sothern, Mike	LB	6'1"	224	Fr.	Cinnaminson, NJ
35 Zwierzyński, J.R.	OLB	6'2"	239	So.	Oswego, IL
Defensive Backs					
29 Cronin, Paul	S	6'2"	212	Jr.	Uniontown, OH
11 Gantner, Jason	DB	6'0"	189	Fr.	State College, PA
18 Guman, Andrew	S	6'3"	211	Sr.	Allentown, PA
22 Hardy, Darien	CB	5'10"	195	So.	Philadelphia, PA
27 Harrell, Chris	S	6'2"	201	Sr.	Euclid, OH
6 Johnson, Donnie	CB	6'0"	209	So.	Cincinnati, OH
5 Kanuch, Jim	S	6'1"	200	So.	Johnstown, PA
10 Lowry, Calvin	S	6'0"	195	Jr.	Fayetteville, NC
24 McCready, Nolan	CB	6'0"	204	So.	Wyomissing, PA
20 Mills, Marcus	CB	5'11"	156	Jr.	Charlotte, NC
1 Phillips, Anwar	CB	6'1"	185	Jr.	Germantown, MD
46 Reese, Curt	DB	5'10"	179	Jr.	Bellefonte, PA
35 Royle, John	CB	6'0"	182	Jr.	State College, PA
15 Wise, Brent	CB	5'10"	193	Fr.	Harrisburg, PA
21 Zemaitis, Alan	CB	6'2"	194	Jr.	Rochester, NY
Specialists					
4 Gould, Robbie	K	6'1"	179	Sr.	Lock Haven, PA
36 Kapinos, Jeremy	P	6'1"	229	So.	Springfield, VA
61 Mauriello, Chris	LS	6'1"	221	Fr.	Lansdale, PA
49 Ream, Brandon	P	6'2"	206	So.	State College, PA
48 Weltman, Nate	K	6'0"	201	Fr.	Charlottesville, VA

## Projected Depth Chart

Offense (4)			
SE	9 Terrance Phillips (Jr.)	11 Terrell Golden (Fr.)	
FL	19 Gerald Smith (Sr.)	34 Gio Vendemia (Jr.)	
LT	67 Levi Brown (So.)	68 John Wilson (Jr.)	
LG	59 Charles Rush (Jr.)	54 Scott Davis (Sr.)	
C	77 E.Z. Smith (Jr.)	66 Lance Antolick (Jr.)	
RG	74 Tyler Reed (Jr.)	65 Robert Price (So.)	
RT	50 Andrew Richardson (Jr.)	73 Joel Holler (Fr.)	
TE	81 Isaac Smolko (Jr.)	87 John Bronson (Sr.)	
QB	7 Zack Mills (Sr.)	12 Michael Robinson (Jr.)	
FB	39 Paul Jefferson (Sr.)	47 Brian Gilmore (Jr.)	
TB	33 Austin Scott (So.)	26 Tony Hunt (So.)	
Defense (4)			
DE	94 Derek Wake (Sr.)	44 Patrick Hall (So.)	
DT	41 Scott Paxson (Jr.)	78 John Shaw (So.)	
DT	85 Jay Alford (So.)	95 Elijah Robinson (Fr.)	
DE	91 Tamba Hali (Jr.)	54 Amani Purcell (Fr.)	
OLB	40 Dan Connor (Fr.)	20 Tim Shaw (So.)	
MLB	30 Brandon Snow (So.)	Dontey Brown (Fr.)	
OLB	31 Paul Posluszny (So.)	35 J.R. Zwierzyński (So.)	
CB	21 Alan Zemaitis (Jr.)	15 Brent Wise (Fr.)	
CB	1 Anwar Phillips (Jr.)	6 Donnie Johnson (So.)	
SS	27 Chris Harrell (Sr.)	10 Calvin Lowry (Jr.)	
FS	18 Andrew Guman (Sr.)	29 Paul Cronin (Jr.)	
Special Teams			
K	4 Robbie Gould (Sr.)	KR	10 Calvin Lowry (Jr.)
P	36 Jeremy Kapinos (So.)	PR	10 Calvin Lowry (Jr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters  
BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2004 Signees

Wyatt Bowman	OL	6'6"	310	Mechanicsburg, PA	Dan Lawlor	RB	6'3"	235	Mechanicsburg, PA
Dontey Brown	LB	6'3"	250	McKeesport, PA	Mike Lucian	TE	6'4"	250	Frederick, MD
Gerald Cadogan	OL	6'7"	310	Portsmouth, OH	Jordan Lyons	QB	6'5"	220	Atlanta, GA
Paul Cianciolo	QB	6'4"	220	Fort Dorchester, SC	Anthony Morelli	QB	6'4"	210	Pittsburgh, PA
Daryll Clark	QB	6'3"	190	Youngstown, OH	Richard Ohrnberger	OL	6'3"	275	East Meadow, NY
Dan Connor	LB	6'3"	220	Wallingford, PA	Spencer Ridenhour	DB	6'0"	210	White Plains, NY
Tony Davis	DB	5'11"	180	Warren, OH	Elijah Robinson	DL	6'3"	300	Camden, NJ
Adam DiMichele	DB	6'1"	170	McKees Rocks, PA	Mark Rubin	WR	6'4"	205	Amherst, NY
Josh Gaines	DL	6'4"	255	Fort Wayne, IN	Tyrell Sales	LB	6'4"	235	Butler, PA
Matt Hahn	RB	6'1"	215	Long Island, NY	A.Q. Shipley	DL	6'3"	275	Corapolis, PA
Greg Harrison	OL	6'5"	295	Shenandoah, PA	Kevin Suhey	QB	6'2"	195	State College, PA
Jed Hill	TE	6'4"	245	Strouthers, OH	Trent Varva	OL	6'3"	320	Lake Orion, MI
Austin Hinton	OL	6'4"	285	Secaucus, NJ					

Penn State's most pressing needs were at linebacker and quarterback. The Nittany Lions had no trouble filling the former. There were some tense moments with the latter, but in the end Joe Paterno and company bagged the blue-chip passer they so desperately needed. The best 'backer in an outstanding class of them is Dan Connor of prep power Strath Haven High in Wallingford, Pa. Connor enrolled at Penn State in January with the idea of competing for a starting position in the spring. It also allowed him to pack a few pounds on to what was a 218-pound frame.

The key QB recruit is strong-armed Anthony Morelli from Pittsburgh. Morelli initially committed to Pitt but made an 11th-hour switch to the Nittany Lions. His decision bailed out a PSU staff that initially focused exclusively on central Pennsylvania standout Chad Henne, only to see Henne pick Michigan.

## 2003 Results — 3-9 (1-7 Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 30	Temple	W	23-10
S. 6	Boston College	L	14-27
S. 13	at Nebraska	L	10-18
S. 20	Kent State	W	32-10
S. 27	Minnesota	L	14-20
O. 4	Wisconsin	L	23-30
O. 11	at Purdue	L	14-28
O. 25	at Iowa	L	14-26
N. 1	Ohio State	L	20-21
N. 8	at Northwestern	L	7-17
N. 15	Indiana	W	52-7
N. 22	at Michigan State	L	10-41

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Zack Mills, 251-136-1,404-5, 6 TDs  
**Rushing:** Austin Scott, 100 car., 436 yds., 5 TDs  
**Receiving:** Terrance Phillips, 8 rec., 136 yds., 1 TD  
**Scoring:** Robbie Gould, 9 FGs, 22 XPs, 49 points  
**Punting:** Jeremy Kapinos, 68 punts, 41.9 avg.  
**Kicking:** Robbie Gould, 9-16 FGs, 22-24 XPs, 49 points  
**Tackles:** Alan Zemaitis, 71, 49 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Lavon Chisley, 7 for 29 yds.  
**Sacks:** Lavon Chisley, 4  
**Interceptions:** Alan Zemaitis, 4 for 207 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** Calvin Lowry, 16 ret., 18.8 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Calvin Lowry, 26 ret., 9.2 avg.





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## Last Stand?

Through his first 34 years as head coach at Penn State, Joe Paterno and the university kept a tight lid on the details of his contract. That changed in January 2000, when the school issued a press release saying the legendary coach had been re-upped for five years.

The most important reason for the break with tradition was to show recruits that Paterno would be around for the duration of their careers. Penn State was also in the middle of a billion-dollar fundraising drive and in the process of expanding Beaver Stadium, and as the school's best pitchman, Paterno was needed to help sweet-talk donors and sell seats.

At the time, however, nobody realized the potential downside of the announcement. And that is hitting now, because 2004 marks the final year of Paterno's deal and everyone knows it. As of the spring, with the Nittany Lions in a slump featuring three losing campaigns in the last four seasons, the university had yet to announce another extension for the 77-year-old coach. For the first time since beginning his career with a 5-5 mark in 1966, Paterno may not control his own future at Penn State.

"I don't think it is necessary for me to worry about that," he says. "I would like to coach at least three more years. ... I have told kids when we are recruiting that I want to have another really good football team before I get out of this thing."

"He said he was staying for sure for my class," says Jed Hill, an incoming freshman tight end from Struthers, Ohio. "Hopefully, that means all four years. I would love to be coached by him."

Paterno's status is *the* burning issue in what has become a frustrated Nittany nation, with fans falling into either the Joe-Must-Go or Joe-Must-Stay camps. The former has become louder than ever as the program has floundered. Meanwhile, the diehards in the latter are not nearly as vociferous in their defense of Paterno as they've been in the past, no doubt realizing the end — whenever it may hit — is creeping closer.

As for the players, they insist the matter is a non-issue within the program. "We don't really have any control over that whatsoever," sophomore linebacker BranDon Snow says. "We're all under the assumption that he's going to be here."

Adds junior guard Tyler Reed: "We have no indication that he's retiring any time soon or anything like that. That's how Coach Paterno does things. I think he's going to be around for a while, and we'll be happy to have him."

Other programs are pointing to Paterno's unclear status and his advanced age when recruiting against the Nittany Lions. Critics point to PSU's poor performance the last few years and say the talent has fallen off. Supporters point to Paterno's most recent class, which includes the best linebacker (Dan Connor) and one of the two best quarterbacks (Anthony Morelli) from Pennsylvania, as proof the old coach can still charm prospects.

Having no clear successor to the throne is being used against the Lions as well. Offensive coordinator Fran Ganter was long thought to be the logical replacement, but he was bumped into an assistant athletic director's post in an off-season shuffle. His replacement, Galen Hall, is 63.

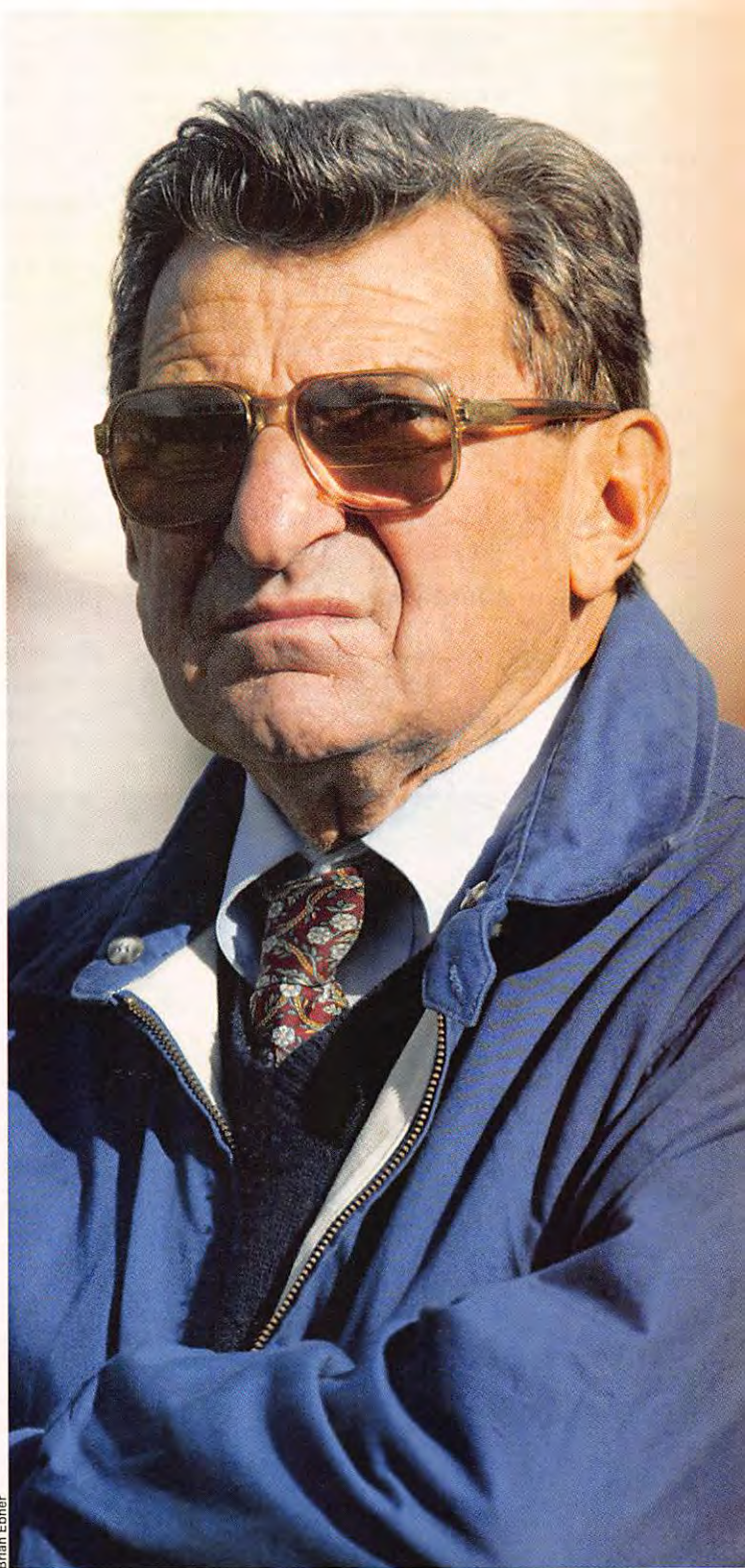
High school kids read message boards. And they listen to the opposing recruiters who bash Penn State.

"The only thing that bothers me is when you hear people talking about it that really have no clue about anything," says Matt Hahn, a running back who signed with Penn State in February. "As far as me worrying about it, I really can't because it's something I have no control over."

As spunky as ever at practice and as adversarial as ever at press conferences, Paterno hardly looks the part of a lame-duck coach.

"As old as he is, he's still passionate about it," Snow says. "Obviously, he's not in it for the money, because I'm pretty sure the man is taken care of. I think for him right now, it's about returning the program to where it was and going out on top."

"I like Coach Paterno, I really do," Snow adds. "I can't see myself playing for anybody else."



Brian Ehner





**S**ince quarterback Drew Brees led Purdue to a share of the Big Ten championship and a Rose Bowl appearance four years ago, the Boilermakers have won with defense.

All eyes will be on that defense again in 2004. Not because it will be the team's strength, but because the 'D' will be the Old Gold and Black's Achilles' heel and holds the key to whether Purdue makes its eighth consecutive bowl appearance.

The Boilermakers must replace eight defensive starters from last year's team that finished 9-4 overall, 6-2 in the Big Ten (tied for second) and played in their third New Year's Day bowl in the last five years.

"We're going to have to score more points (than last year)," says Joe Tiller, the second-winningest head coach in Purdue history (55-32 in seven seasons). "But don't misunderstand me, we're not going to have to average 50 points to win."

Purdue's offense may be as good as it ever has been under Tiller. Eight starters are back, and it should be one of the toughest units to stop in the Big Ten.

### Quarterbacks



How good is quarterback Kyle Orton? He's arguably the Big Ten's best signal-caller, a candidate for the Davey O'Brien and Johnny Unitas awards. One NFL

assistant coach says Orton will be a mid-first round pick in the 2005 NFL Draft. During his career, Orton, who has developed into an effective runner, has thrown for 6,247 yards and 32 touchdowns, completing 58.1 percent of his passes.

Brandon Kirsch is a very capable backup and would likely start at most Big Ten schools. He redshirted last season after throwing eight touchdown passes and completing 59 percent of his passes for 1,067 yards as a freshman in 2002.

### Running Backs

There is a bevy of experienced players in the Boilermaker backfield.

Last year, Jerod Void clearly established himself as Purdue's top back, rushing for 13 touchdowns, one shy of the school single-season record. He averaged 4.1 yards per carry, just missed a 1,000-yard season (952 yards) and had three 100-yard games. Orton and Purdue's passing game gets most of the attention, but Void could prove to be the Boilermakers' secret weapon.

There's plenty of depth, too. Brandon Jones runs over people; Jerome Brooks relies on shiftiness and cutback ability.

### Receivers

Replacing John Standeford, the Big Ten's all-time leading receiver, won't be easy. However, Taylor Stubblefield looks

to fill Standeford's shoes and could eclipse several of Standeford's school and Big Ten records. Stubblefield ranks second on the Purdue career receptions list with 236 and third with 2,534 receiving yards.

At 6'1", Stubblefield will be Orton's small target. At 6'9", Kyle Ingraham will be one Orton can't miss. The coaches are expecting big things from Ingraham this fall after he caught 95 percent of the balls thrown his way in the spring.

Ray Williams was sidelined this spring after undergoing off-season knee surgery. He needs to be a constant big-play threat. Veteran Kevin Noel hasn't lived up to expectations but may blossom into the player coaches envisioned.

Redshirt freshman Byron Williams, true freshman Dorien Bryant and junior college transfers Bruce Gordon and Brian Hare will figure into the mix.

Purdue's not as green at tight end as it was last season. Garret Bushong could have a breakout year after getting thrown into the fire as a true freshman. Charles Davis is the better blocker of the two and will see plenty of playing time.

### Offensive Linemen

There are some holes up front. Tackle Kelly Butler opted for the NFL after his junior season, and center Nick Hardwick was lost to graduation.



Brian Ebner

## Post-Spring Analysis

### Keys to an Eighth Straight Bowl

Purdue has plenty of holes to fill on a defense that ranked third in the Big Ten in yards allowed. The Boilermakers lost the program's interceptions record holder (Stuart Schweigert), the all-time sack leader (Shaun Phillips) plus arguably the best line-backing corps in Purdue history. Plugging these holes won't be easy, but as long as some rising stars like Ray Edwards and Stanford Kegler can play up to their abilities and Purdue proves it can stop opponents consistently, Boilermaker fans will have plenty to smile about. Purdue's offense should move the ball up and down the field with regularity, making an eighth straight bowl appearance likely. Plus, a favorable schedule awaits as only five of the 11 opponents played in the postseason last fall, and Purdue gets Michigan and Ohio State in Ross-Ade Stadium.

### 2004 Schedule

S. 5	Syracuse	W
S. 11	Ball State	W
S. 25	at Illinois	W
<b>O. 2</b>	<b>at Notre Dame</b>	*
O. 9	at Penn State	W
<b>O. 16</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	*
O. 23	Michigan	L
O. 30	at Northwestern	W
N. 6	at Iowa	L
N. 13	Ohio State	L
N. 20	Indiana	W

\*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season. W or L indicates a projected win or loss

**Bernard Pollard: Freshman All-America strong safety**

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### Taylor Stubblefield

Tiller says if redshirt freshman Robbie Powell continues to improve, he'll start at center. David Owen needs to stay healthy to fill the void left by Butler on the right side.

Tyler Moore and Matt Turner started every game last season at the guard positions, while left tackle Mike Otto started all 13 games in 2003 as well and was the team's most improved player.

The line averages 6'5", 290 pounds per man and looks to improve on its 33 sacks allowed in 2003.

### NUMBERS GAME

**2.43** Senior quarterback Kyle Orton is Purdue's career leader with a 2.43 interception percentage (23 picks in 947 attempts). He enters the 2004 season having thrown only seven interceptions in his last 484 pass attempts (or one pick in every 69 throws).

"Offensively, my biggest concern will be our offensive line," Tiller says. "We've got three starters back so it shouldn't be as big a concern as it was two years ago, but I always worry about the offensive line."

### Defensive Linemen

The Boilermakers don't lack talent at defensive end, but they will definitely miss Shaun Phillips, the school's all-time sack leader.

Ray Edwards is the heir apparent to Phillips

Brent Grover (22 career starts) will be the starters. Jamaal Jones has good size (6'4", 286) for a true freshman and will provide depth. In addition, Spencer could be moved inside.

### Linebackers

The linebacking corps will be completely revamped as all three 2003 starters have moved on to the professional ranks.

Stanford Keglal and Bobby Iwuchukwu will start on the outside and George Hall will get the nod in the middle. Only Hall has a start to his credit. Iwuchukwu has the most experience, while Hall is the most vicious hitter.

Jon Goldsberry, who also plays fullback in short-yardage situations in Purdue's one-back, spread offense, adds depth.

Redshirt freshman Josh Ferguson and Drew Rucks, a converted wide receiver, could be factors. In the spring, safety John Lampert and wide receiver Al Royal were moved to linebacker to better utilize their talents.

### Defensive Backs

There is some experience in the secondary. Cornerback Antwaun Rogers, the only senior starter on defense, and strong safety Bernard Pollard return. New defensive backs coach Lou Anarumo will need Rogers and Pollard to emerge as the leaders of the secondary. Rogers has started 38 games in his career and has 26 pass breakups and six interceptions. Pollard was good enough to start 12 of the last 13 games as a true freshman in 2003.

Redshirt freshman Paul Long, who has 4.5 speed, was moved from cornerback to free safety

### RISEING STAR

Redshirt freshman **Stanford Keglal**, a 6'2", 229-pounder who was a good swimmer in high school, is one of the best all-around athletes on the team and will start at outside linebacker. Defensive coordinator Brock Spack says he has all the makings of a big-time player.

and has all the skills to be a great one. Tiller raved about Edwards during pre-bowl practices. Gene Bright will back up Edwards. Bright moved from linebacker to end and has the speed, quickness and athleticism coaches crave at the position.

Anthony Spencer, the strongest of all Boilermaker defensive linemen, has been plagued by injuries, but, if healthy, he could start at the other end position. However, Spencer will have to hold off junior college stud Jeremy Coley, a 6'5", 250-pounder with 4.5 speed.

Purdue is perilously thin at the tackle positions.

Brandon Villarreal and

in the spring and beat out converted quarterback Kyle Smith for the starting position.

The other starting corner will likely be Brian Hickman, who performed admirably in the Capital One Bowl after replacing Sean Petty.

Keep an eye on true freshmen Torri Williams and Zach Logan. They could vie for backup roles.

### Specialists

To say the least, Purdue's specialists were just that last year — special. Placekicker Ben Jones was nothing short of sensational. He hit 25-of-30 field goals (83.3 percent), including all nine of his attempts from 40-to-49 yards.

Purdue will look to true freshman Dave Brytus to handle the punting duties.

Stubblefield is a reliable punt returner, while Brooks proved to be a very effective kick returner, averaging 21.9 yards per return.

### Outside the Huddle

**'Bowl'ermakers** Purdue is one of only two schools in the Big Ten and one of only 11 nationally to play in a bowl game in each of the last seven seasons. Prior to head coach Joe Tiller's arrival at Purdue for the 1997 season, the Boilermakers had made just five bowl appearances.

**Big Ten powerhouse** From 1997 to 2003, only Michigan and Ohio State won more Big Ten games than Purdue. The Wolverines were 46-10, the Buckeyes 40-16 and the Boilermakers 36-20.

**Oh no, not again** After losing six games by a combined 26 points (an average of 4.3 points per game) in 2002, three of Purdue's four losses in 2003 came by a total of 11 points (3.7), including two in overtime. Under Tiller, the Boilermakers are 3-4 in bowl games, losing those four by a total of 26 points.

**Gutsy as they come** In the 2004 Capital One Bowl, quarterback Kyle Orton completed 20-of-34 passes for 230 yards with a touchdown and rushed for two scores despite suffering a dislocated left thumb, sprained toe and cracked rib.

**Good bloodlines** Wide receiver Kyle Ingraham's father, Corky, was a second-team All-Pac-10 linebacker at Arizona, and his mother, Susan, swam for the Wildcats and qualified for the 1980 Olympics.



**Head Coach: Joe Tiller • Record at School: 55-32 (7 years) • Career Record: 94-62-1 (13 years)**  
**Offensive Coordinator: Jim Chaney • Defensive Coordinator: Brock Spack • West Lafayette, Ind. • Ross-Ade Stadium (62,500)**

## 2004 Purdue Roster

## Projected Depth Chart

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
14 Carroll, Scott	QB	6'5"	190	Fr.	Liberty, MO
19 Foran, Bill	QB	6'3"	201	Fr.	Dallas, TX
11 Kirsch, Brandon	QB	6'3"	203	So.	Lebanon, PA
18 Orton, Kyle	QB	6'4"	220	Sr.	Altoona, IA
3 Renn, Jason	QB	6'0"	228	Fr.	Valparaiso, IN

Running Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
22 Brooks, Jerome	RB	5'11"	179	So.	Haltom City, TX
27 Jones, Brandon	RB	5'11"	226	Jr.	Peru, IN
32 Void, Jerod	RB	6'2"	212	Jr.	Clinton, MD
48 Wood, Brian	RB	5'11"	212	Fr.	New Albany, IN

Receivers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
43 Bennett, Jeff	TE	6'4"	252	Jr.	Evansville, IN
38 Bird, Sean	WR	6'2"	190	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN
93 Bushong, Garret	TE	6'5"	255	So.	Ionia, MI
20 Chattams, Andre	WR	6'0"	200	So.	Dayton, OH
83 Cunningham, Jake	WR	5'11"	187	Fr.	Pontiac, IL
10 Dailey, Colya	WR	5'10"	170	So.	Sunrise, FL
87 Davis, Charles	TE	6'6"	263	Jr.	Fraser, MI
85 Evans, Jameson	WR	6'3"	217	Jr.	Shaker Heights, OH
15 Gordon, Bruce	WR	5'11"	191	Jr.	Naples, FL
89 Ingraham, Kyle	WR	6'9"	224	So.	San Antonio, TX
28 Keller, Dustin	WR	6'4"	227	Fr.	Lafayette, IN
86 Lecklider, Chase	WR	6'0"	186	So.	Indianapolis, IN
23 Noel, Kevin	WR	6'3"	202	Jr.	Bolingbrook, IL
90 Raben, Nick	TE	6'3"	245	So.	Evansville, IN
5 Standeford, Jake	WR	6'2"	205	Fr.	Monrovia, IN
21 Stubblefield, Taylor	WR	6'1"	172	Sr.	Yakima, WA
96 Truty, Bill	TE	6'3"	212	Fr.	Niles, IL
84 Williams, Byron	WR	6'3"	189	Fr.	Clayton, NJ
2 Williams, Ray	WR	6'2"	192	Jr.	Scotch Plains, NJ

Offensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
76 Bach, Willie	G	6'2"	260	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
53 Fincher, Nick	G	6'4"	279	Fr.	Clinton Township, MI
64 May, Danny	G	6'2"	325	Sr.	Pittsboro, IN
50 Moore, Tyler	G	6'7"	282	Sr.	Fremont, MI
77 Noblet, Ryan	T	6'6"	291	Fr.	Speedway, IN
67 Nwaneri, Uche	G	6'3"	310	So.	Garland, TX
65 Otto, Mike	T	6'5"	309	So.	Kokomo, IN
63 Owen, David	G	6'6"	294	Sr.	Dallas, TX
70 Oxley, Pat	T	6'7"	295	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN
68 Powell, Robbie	C	6'5"	277	Fr.	Roanoke, VA
56 Turner, Matt	C/G	6'3"	288	Jr.	Kirtland, OH
75 Wang, Brian	T	6'7"	291	Jr.	Fort Worth, TX

Defensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
45 Bright, Gene	DE	6'4"	237	Fr.	Bryn Mawr, PA
91 Cavallo, Nick	DE	6'3"	254	So.	Plainville, CT
10 Edwards, Ray	DE	6'6"	260	So.	Cincinnati, OH
58 Grover, Brent	DT	6'4"	287	Jr.	Fort Thomas, KY
54 Huebner, Adam	DE	6'3"	239	So.	St. John, IN
97 Jones, Jamaal	DE	6'4"	286	Fr.	Englewood, NJ
98 McGowen, Dan	DT	6'0"	280	So.	Denham, IN
99 O'Brien, Josh	DT	6'4"	237	So.	Indianapolis, IN
49 Spencer, Anthony	DE	6'3"	262	So.	Fort Wayne, IN
95 Taranowski, Jason	DT	6'2"	249	Jr.	Wheaton, IL
69 Tull, Neal	DT	6'3"	276	Fr.	Lafayette, IN
55 Villarreal, Brandon	DT	6'2"	289	Jr.	Allen, TX

Linebackers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
51 Block, Ben	LB	6'0"	227	Fr.	Lake Forest, IL
17 Ferguson, Josh	MLB	6'3"	237	Fr.	Altamonte Springs, FL
44 Goldsberry, Jon	LB/FB	6'3"	241	Sr.	Santa Claus, IN
30 Hall, George	MLB	6'2"	246	So.	Groton, CT
39 Iwuchukwu, Bobby	SLB	6'2"	236	Jr.	Arlington, TX
59 Kegl, Stanford	WR	6'2"	229	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
41 Lampert, John	LB	6'3"	205	So.	Abilene, TX
52 Leimberger, Jason	LB	6'2"	228	Jr.	West Chester, OH
81 Royal, Al	LB	6'0"	232	So.	Belle Glades, FL
88 Rucks, Drew	WLB	6'2"	217	So.	Jackson, NJ

Defensive Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
46 Dubler, Paul	DB	6'1"	176	Jr.	Gurnee, IL
5 Durrett, Mike	FS	6'0"	204	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
36 Golder, Brandon	CB	5'9"	183	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
33 Hickman, Brian	CB	6'0"	178	Jr.	Houston, TX
35 Kohltz, Pat	SS	6'1"	211	So.	Frankfort, IN
25 Long, Paul	FS	6'2"	185	Fr.	Dayton, OH
38 Mattaway, Brian	SS	5'8"	202	So.	Philadelphia, PA
48 Oliver, Steve	CB	5'9"	192	Fr.	Flossmoor, IL
24 Petty, Sean	CB	5'11"	180	Jr.	Round Rock, TX
31 Pollard, Bernard	SS	6'2"	219	So.	Fort Wayne, IN
37 Price, Rafael	FS	6'1"	188	Fr.	Lake Station, IN
12 Rogers, Antwaun	CB	6'2"	172	Sr.	Middletown, OH
7 Smith, Kyle	FS	6'4"	217	Jr.	West Babylon, NY
8 Walker, Grant	SS	6'2"	189	Fr.	Hutto, TX

Specialists	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
35 Jones, Ben	K	6'0"	215	Jr.	Zionsville, IN
29 Levin, Aaron	P/K	5'11"	206	Sr.	Casper, WY
72 Mattson, Chris	LS	6'0"	192	Fr.	Carmel, IN
42 Maynard, Mike	P	6'1"	215	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
22 Welch, Casey	K	5'9"	163	So.	Ford City, PA

Offense (8)			
WR	89	Kyle Ingraham (So.)	84 Byron Williams (Fr.)
WR	21	Taylor Stubblefield (Sr.)	15 Bruce Gordon (Jr.)
WR	23	Kevin Noel (Jr.)	2 Ray Williams (Jr.)
LT	65	Mike Otto (So.)	77 Ryan Noblet (Fr.)
LG	56	Matt Turner (Jr.)	53 Nick Fincher (Fr.)
C	68	Robbie Powell (Fr.)	56 Matt Turner (Jr.)
RG	50	Tyler Moore (Sr.)	67 Uche Nwaneri (So.)
RT	63	David Owen (Sr.)	75 Brian Wang (Jr.)
TE	87	Charles Davis (Jr.)	93 Garret Bushong (So.)
QB	18	Kyle Orton (Sr.)	11 Brandon Kirsch (So.)
RB	32	Jerod Void (Jr.)	27 Brandon Jones (Jr.)

Defense (3)			
DE	49	Anthony Spencer (So.)	Jeremy Coley (Jr.)
DT	55	Brandon Villarreal (Jr.)	97 Jamaal Jones (Fr.)
DT	58	Brent Grover (Jr.)	98 Dan McGowen (So.)
DE	10	Ray Edwards (So.)	45 Gene Bright (Fr.)
WLB	59	Stanford Kegl (Fr.)	88 Drew Rucks (So.)
MLB	30	George Hall (So.)	17 Josh Ferguson (Fr.)
SLB	39	Bobby Iwuchukwu (Jr.)	44 Jon Goldsberry (Sr.)
CB	12	Antwaun Rogers (Sr.)	36 Brandon Golder (Fr.)
CB	33	Brian Hickman (Jr.)	24 Sean Petty (Jr.)
SS	31	Bernard Pollard (So.)	8 Grant Walker (Fr.)
FS	25	Paul Long (Fr.)	7 Kyle Smith (Jr.)

Special Teams					
P		Dave Brytus (Fr.)	PR	21	Taylor Stubblefield (Sr.)
K	35	Ben Jones (Jr.)	KR	22	Jerome Brooks (So.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters  
**BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 Signees

Cliff Avril	LB	6'3"	225	Orange Park, FL	Fabian Martin	WR	5'11"	175	Chicago, IL
Ryan Baker	TE	6'6"	225	Indianapolis, IN	Lance Melvin	DB	5'9"	190	Bridgewater, NJ
Dan Bick	LB	6'1"	205	Louisville, KY	Garret Miller	OL	6'7"	255	Bay City, TX
Dorien Bryant	WR	5'11"	175	Swedesboro, NJ	Rob Ninkovich	DL	6'3"	240	New Lenox, IL
Dave Brytus	K	6'4"	235	McDonald, PA	Curtis Painter	QB	6'4"	200	Vincennes, IN
Jeremy Coley	DL	6'5"	250	Toledo, OH	Jonathon Patton	DL	6'3"	240	Chicago, IL
Bruce Gordon	WR	5'11"	190	Naples, FL	David Ramirez	QB	6'2"	190	Red Oak, TX
Christian Graham	WR	6'2"	190	Indianapolis, IN	Sean Sester	OL	6'8"	270	Fort Thomas, KY
Jordan Grimes	OL	6'3"	290	Plainfield, IN	Kory Sheets	RB	5'11"	195	Manchester, CT
Brian Hare	WR	6'3"	200	Arlington Hts., IL	Zach Smith	OL	6'4"	280	Terrace Park, OH
Chris Haslon	RB	5'11"	180	Burlington Twp., NJ	Desmond Tardy	WR	6'1"	180	Indianapolis, IN
Anthony Heygood	RB	6'2"	210	Chester, PA	Luis Vasquez	LB	6'3"	220	Gales Ferry, CT
Jamaal Jones	DL	6'4"	286	Englewood, NJ	Brandon Whittington	WR	6'2"	195	Collingswood, NJ
Jimmy Ladd	LB	6'3"	210	Greenwood, IN	Torri Williams	DB	6'2"	190	Cedar Park, TX
Zach Logan	DB	6'1"	175	Trotwood, OH					

The consensus is that Purdue's class is one of the top 20 in the country. It got even better six weeks after signing day when All-America defensive lineman/tight end Ryan Baker inked with the Boilermakers after verbally committing to Notre Dame. Joe Tiller says junior college All-American Jeremy Coley is everything you're looking for in a defensive end. He picked Purdue over Nebraska. Wide receiver Dorien Bryant, one of the highest ranked players at his position, will bring his 4.3 speed to town. Bruce Gordon was ranked the No. 1 junior college wide receiver by one recruiting service, but due to hamstring injuries spent most of his time during spring practice on the sidelines. In Desmond Tardy, Purdue inked its first-ever Indiana Mr. Football award winner.

## 2003 Results — 9-4 (6-2 Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
S. 6	Bowling Green	L	26-27
S. 13	at Wake Forest	W	16-10
S. 20	Arizona	W	59-7
S. 27	Notre Dame	W	23-10
O. 4	Illinois	W	43-10
O. 11	Penn State	W	28-14
O. 18	at Wisconsin	W	26-23
O. 25	at Michigan	L	3-31
N. 1	Northwestern	W	34-14
N. 8	Iowa	W	27-14
N. 15	at Ohio State	(ot) L	13-16
N. 22	at Indiana	W	24-16
J. 1	#Georgia	(ot) L	27-34
	#Capital One Bowl		

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Kyle Orton, 414-251-2,885-7, 15 TDs  
**Rushing:** Jerod Void, 235 car., 952 yds., 13 TDs  
**Receiving:** Taylor Stubblefield, 86 rec., 835 yds., 3 TDs  
**Scoring:** Ben Jones, 25 FGs, 36 XPs, 111 points  
**Punting:** None  
**Kicking:** Ben Jones, 25-30 FGs, 36-37 XPs, 111 points  
**Tackles:** Bernard Pollard, 66, 42 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Brent Grover, 5 for 25 yds.  
**Sacks:** Brent Grover, 3.5  
**Interceptions:** Antwaun Rogers, 1 for 3 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** Jerome Brooks, 32 ret., 21.9 avg.  
**Punt returns:** None





**S**cott Starks, entering his fourth season as a starting cornerback for the University of Wisconsin, wants to change his view of the Big Ten Conference. He'd like to see it from the top down, thank you.

"I want (us) to be a great team," says Starks, one of 15 returning starters from a team that finished 4-4 in the league and 7-6 overall last season. "I don't want to be a mediocre, middle-of-the-pack team. I want to be right up there with Michigan and Ohio State. I know it can happen."

UW hasn't won a Big Ten title since '99, two seasons before Starks arrived. Since 2000, the Badgers have gone just 13-19 in conference play and haven't finished higher than fifth. A year ago, UW suffered three of its four Big Ten losses in the final 30 seconds and finished tied for eighth.

"That's one thing we'll have to learn," UW head coach Barry Alvarez says of his team's inability to close out tight games. "When you have momentum and you have a chance to win the ball game, you have to make the play."

### Quarterbacks

There is no question sophomore John Stocco is the clear choice to start. However, there is also no question this is the least experienced position on the team.

Stocco rode the bench for the first 10

games last season and finished the season with 17 pass attempts. He is mobile enough to avoid getting killed in the pocket, possesses a major-league fastball and has started to blossom as a leader. Throughout the spring he was consistently accurate on short and intermediate throws but struggled to get in sync with his receivers on deep throws.

The UW coaches spent the entire spring force-feeding redshirt freshman Tyler Donovan to be the No. 2 quarterback. Donovan has a live arm and quick feet but is too raw for extended duty. He will have to show more in pre-season camp to beat out senior Matt Schabert for the No. 2 job. The Badgers needs Stocco to stay healthy.

### Running Backs

Despite having an All-America candidate (senior Anthony Davis) and two dependable backups (sophomore Booker Stanley and junior Dwayne Smith) at tailback, the position holds more questions than answers. Will Davis, who missed five full games and part of four others because of persistent ankle problems, stay healthy this season? Will Smith, who was charged with second-degree sexual assault in the off-season, be on the team?

Davis, who rushed for 3,021 yards and 24 touchdowns in his first two seasons,

holds the key. He is faster, quicker and more explosive than Smith or Stanley and is a threat to go the distance on any play.

### Receivers

Lee Evans is off to the NFL. Who will fill his role as the team's go-to receiver? The obvious candidate is Brandon Williams, who has 101 catches for 1,312 yards in two seasons and wants the ball in his hands in crucial situations. Williams will need help, though. He is dangerous on short and intermediate routes but has only four touchdown catches in two seasons and isn't a classic deep threat.

In order for this unit to be a consistent threat, Darrin Charles, Jonathan Orr, Brandon White and Owen Daniels must put up solid numbers. Charles has been slowed by injury at times but averaged 15.5 yards per catch in 2003 and can present match-up problems because of his 6'6" frame. Daniels, converted to tight end from quarterback before last season, can beat linebackers and safeties. He has just scratched the surface of his potential.

Orr, who has been timed at 4.35 seconds in the 40-yard dash, must regain the form he showed in 2002 when Evans was out. That season, Orr had 47 catches, a 17.9-yard average and eight touchdowns. Last season, Orr became more of a blocker and finished with just seven catches.



Brian Ebner

## Post-Spring Analysis

### Keys to a Big Ten Title

If senior tailback Anthony Davis remains healthy, the Badgers could contend for their first Big Ten title since 1999. If the ankle injuries that sidelined Davis for five full games and parts of four others in 2003 resurface, forget any title talk. Booker Stanley and Dwayne Smith are dependable backups, but Davis is an All-America candidate and a threat to score every time he touches the ball. A healthy Davis will force defenses to commit more defenders near the line of scrimmage, which will open the passing game and take pressure off quarterback John Stocco. First-year defensive coordinator Bret Bielema has talent along the line and in the secondary. He must find four or five dependable players for the three linebacker spots. That won't be easy, considering his projected starters combined for four starts and 42 total tackles last season.

### 2004 Schedule

S. 4	UCF	W
S. 11	UNLV	W
S. 18	at Arizona	W
S. 25	Penn State	W
O. 2	Illinois	W
O. 9	at Ohio State	L
O. 16	at Purdue	*
O. 23	Northwestern	W
N. 6	Minnesota	*
N. 13	at Michigan State	W
N. 20	at Iowa	*

\*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

**Jim Leonhard: Led the Big Ten in interceptions in '02 and '03**

Brian Ebner





*Anthony Davis*





Anttaj Hawthorne

## Offensive Linemen

UW has a reputation for producing punishing offensive lines. This unit played well at times in 2003 but didn't dominate often enough, and too often left quarterbacks vulnerable with ineffective pass-blocking.

Although all five starters return, the line should have a different look. Expect sophomore Joe Thomas to take over at left tackle for senior Morgan Davis, who will switch to right tackle. Thomas is light at 283 pounds but is an outstanding athlete who could be the team's best pass-blocking tackle in a decade.

## NUMBERS GAME

**116** Senior tailback Anthony Davis was limited to 116 carries last season because of injuries to both ankles. Davis averaged 296 carries and 1,511 yards per season in his first two seasons.

The interior of the line, led by junior center Donovan Raiola, should return intact. Raiola is a fiery leader who brings a refreshing attitude to the line. However, he must improve his pass-blocking and stoutness against bigger tackles.

## Defensive Linemen

Seniors Anttaj Hawthorne and Jason Jefferson give UW a pair of 300-pound tackles who are stout against the run and surprisingly nimble. But who will man the flanks to generate a pass rush?

## Linebackers

If first-year defensive coordinator Bret Bielema transforms this group of no-names into a productive unit, he deserves a hefty bump in pay. Junior LaMarr Watkins is the only player with starting experience, but he has been moved from the strong side to the weak side in Bielema's scheme. Projected starters Mark Zalewski (strong side) and Elliot Goode (middle), who combined for two starts last season, saw their progress in the spring stymied by injury.

Watkins and sophomore Reggie Cribbs, who took over for Goode in the middle during the spring, both flow to the ball well, a trait Bielema covets in his linebackers. But this unit might remain unsettled until the Big Ten opener.

## Defensive Backs

The most significant off-season development was the retention of secondary coach Ron Lee, who enters his second season at UW. When Lee arrived last season, he became the Badgers' fourth secondary coach in five years.

UW could have its deepest group in many seasons. Starks is underappreciated at one corner; junior Brett Bell looked solid at the other corner for three games until he suffered a season-ending shoulder injury. Junior LeVonne Rowan has tremendous physical talent but must work on his mental toughness.

Senior Jim Leonhard, with 18 interceptions in two seasons as a starter, is a playmaker at free safety; senior Robert Brooks provides more range at strong safety than his predecessor. Lee has promising backups for both safety spots.

## RISING STAR

Defensive line coach John Palermo has produced several All-Americans. Senior tackle Anttaj Hawthorne could join that group, but the player fans have yet to see is redshirt freshman end **Jamal Cooper**. The 6'4", 210-pounder could use another 10 pounds before the opener, but he is athletic, bright and tenacious.

## Specialists

Inconsistency has plagued Wisconsin's special teams, particularly the kickers, beginning with the 2001 season, and it remains unclear whether this season will bring any significant change.

The good news is that Leonhard is a sure-handed, dangerous punt-returner, and senior Mike Allen made 75 percent of his field goals last season. The bad news is that a hip injury limited Allen to just 12 attempts, and he doesn't possess an overpowering leg. Look for freshman Taylor Mehlhaff to handle kickoffs and long field goals.

Punter R.J. Morse must sharpen his game. He had almost as many touchbacks (11) as punts downed inside the 20-yard line (15). Wisconsin hasn't returned a kickoff for a touchdown since Week 11 of the 2000 season.

## Outside the Huddle

**Young guns** UW's quarterbacks have just one college start (senior Matt Schabert) and 100 pass attempts (83 by Schabert; 17 by sophomore John Stocco, the projected starter).

**Roadkill?** UW's Big Ten schedule isn't title-friendly. The Badgers' four road foes — Ohio State, Purdue, Michigan State and Iowa — went a combined 22-10 in conference play last season. Their home foes — Penn State, Illinois, Northwestern and Minnesota — went just 10-22 a year ago.

**New face** Bret Bielema, a Kansas State assistant for the last two seasons, was hired as defensive coordinator to replace Kevin Cosgrove, who left for a similar position at Nebraska. Bielema is just the third defensive coordinator at UW since Barry Alvarez took over the program in 1990. He has brought fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the unit.

**Get the job done** Bielema on the type of defense he intends to deploy in 2004: "The thing I would like Wisconsin fans to know is that we're going to stop them. Whatever we need to do, we're going to figure out a way to get it done."

**Double duty** Alvarez on April 1 officially took over as full-time athletic director for Pat Richter, who retired. Alvarez insists his new job will not have an adverse effect on his ability to coach.



**Head Coach: Barry Alvarez • Record at School: 99-67-4 (14 years) • Career Record: 99-67-4 (14 years)**  
**Offensive Coordinator: Brian White • Defensive Coordinator: Bret Bielema • Madison, Wis. • Camp Randall Stadium (76,634)**

## 2004 Wisconsin Roster

## Projected Depth Chart

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN
12 Donovan, Tyler	QB	6'1"	185	Fr.	Hartland, WI
10 Lewis, Sean	QB	6'7"	217	Fr.	Oak Lawn, IL
16 Schabert, Matt	QB	6'2"	202	Sr.	Elgin, IL
2 Stocco, John	QB	6'2"	202	So.	Richfield, MN

Running Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN
21 Balts, Josh	RB	6'1"	238	Fr.	Barron, WI
45 Bernstein, Matt	FB	6'2"	284	Jr.	Scarsdale, NY
28 Davis, Anthony	RB	5'8"	194	Sr.	Plainfield, NJ
31 Egholm, Nate	RB	5'10"	214	Fr.	Oconomowoc, WI
22 Fuller, Phillip	RB	5'11"	187	So.	Irvine, TX
37 Root, Greg	FB	6'2"	262	Jr.	Palmdale, CA
30 Smith, Dwayne	RB	5'11"	225	Jr.	Chicago, IL
32 Stanley, Booker	RB	5'10"	206	So.	Milwaukee, WI

Receivers	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN
37 Brown, Matt	TE	6'5"	206	Fr.	Madison, WI
87 Charles, Darrin	WR	6'6"	206	Sr.	Oshkosh, WI
27 Cook, Enrique	WR	6'2"	199	So.	Hammond, IN
11 Daniels, Owen	WR	6'3"	222	Jr.	Naperville, IL
14 Flowers, Jonte	WR	6'5"	183	Fr.	Madison, WI
26 Hampton, Zach	WR	5'10"	170	So.	Lancaster, WI
17 Holzbauer, Jeff	WR	5'11"	188	So.	Germantown, WI
29 Hubbard, Paul	WR	6'4"	195	Fr.	Colorado Springs, CO
19 Ironside, Matt	WR	6'0"	188	So.	Wisconsin Rapids, WI
81 Mason, Ernest	WR	6'0"	179	So.	Fort Worth, TX
89 Nellis, Joel	TE	6'4"	246	Jr.	Madison, WI
24 Omole, Demi	WR	5'10"	165	Fr.	Milwaukee, WI
9 Orr, Jonathan	WR	6'3"	183	Jr.	Detroit, MI
85 Paciotti, Tony	TE	6'4"	264	Sr.	Jessup, PA
84 Pociask, Jason	TE	6'3"	249	Jr.	Plainfield, IN
15 Swan, Luke	WR	6'0"	193	Fr.	Fennimore, WI
82 Tobias, Brandon	WR	6'5"	232	Fr.	Chicago, IL
38 Ware, Kurt	TE	6'4"	249	Fr.	Spring, TX
8 White, Brandon	WR	6'3"	187	Jr.	Palm Beach, FL
25 Williams, Brandon	WR	5'11"	175	Jr.	St. Louis, MO

Offensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN
67 Buening, Dan	G	6'4"	313	Sr.	Green Bay, WI
50 Clinkscale, Jonathan	G	6'3"	304	Sr.	Altadena, CA
65 Coleman, Marcus	OL	6'6"	311	Fr.	Plymouth, MN
75 Davis, Morgan	T	6'5"	319	Sr.	Barron, WI
77 Gyllin, Randy	OL	6'3"	313	So.	Mauston, WI
64 Kaye, Danny	T	6'8"	318	Fr.	New Berlin, WI
60 Knauf, Luke	OL	6'4"	312	Fr.	Stratford, WI
76 Lawrence, Matt	G	6'5"	282	Jr.	Millsboro, DE
61 Lorenz, Mike	T	6'5"	315	Sr.	Manitowoc, WI
52 Palermo, Jason	C	6'3"	285	Jr.	Madison, WI
53 Raiola, Donovan	C	6'3"	280	Jr.	Honolulu, HI
72 Thomas, Joe	T	6'8"	283	So.	Brookfield, WI
62 Van Someren, Mike	OL	6'7"	315	Fr.	Somerset, WI
70 Weininger, Andrew	OL	6'6"	303	Fr.	Harrison, NY
78 Wood, Jake	G	6'6"	289	Jr.	Bettendorf, IA

Defensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN
58 Barrett, Calvin	DT	6'2"	319	Sr.	Spring Valley, CA
96 Cooper, Jamal	DE	6'4"	210	Fr.	St. Louis, MO
93 Gorman, Mark	DE	6'4"	276	So.	The Woodlands, TX
77 Hawthorne, Anttaj	DT	6'3"	312	Sr.	Hamden, CT
90 James, Erasmus	DE	6'4"	263	Sr.	Pembroke Pines, FL
74 Jefferson, Jason	DT	6'3"	308	Sr.	Chicago, IL
98 Jones, Darius	DE	6'3"	276	Sr.	Beloit, WI
86 Katula, Matt	DL	6'6"	281	Sr.	Brookfield, WI
54 Maiva, Lyle	DL	6'2"	309	Jr.	Honolulu, HI
95 Monty, Joe	DL	6'2"	257	So.	Ft. Collins, CO
99 Ostrowski, Justin	DT	6'5"	284	Fr.	Portage, WI
92 Welsh, Jonathan	DE	6'4"	231	Sr.	Houston, TX
94 Yentz, Derek	DE	6'3"	243	Fr.	Wauwatosa, WI

Linebackers	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN
15 Cribbs, Reginald	MLB	6'1"	225	So.	Chicago, IL
48 Gillen, John	LB	6'4"	248	Jr.	Glen Ellyn, IL
47 Goode, Elliot	MLB	6'2"	234	Jr.	Manlius, NY
36 Jelinek, Adam	LB	6'3"	225	So.	Fairfax, VA
57 Johnson, Steven	LB	6'3"	242	Fr.	Brookfield, WI
23 Joran, Paul	SLB	6'3"	222	So.	Apple Valley, MN
49 Kelly, Brandon	LB	6'4"	233	Fr.	Bedford, OH
59 Meckstroth, Victor	LB	6'1"	250	So.	Mequon, WI
56 Moore, Steve	LB	6'1"	194	So.	Milwaukee, WI
55 Purcell, Adam	LB	6'1"	230	Fr.	Oak Creek, WI
14 Sanders, Donte	WLB	6'1"	208	Jr.	Bedford, OH
34 Timbers, Kareem	LB	6'3"	209	Sr.	Chicago, IL
24 Watkins, LaMarr	WLB	6'1"	211	Jr.	Mt. Laurel, NJ
39 Wieleski, T.J.	LB	6'1"	261	Sr.	Ottawa, WI
41 Zalewski, Mark	SLB	6'2"	232	So.	Vausau, WI
51 Zess, Dan	LB	6'1"	238	So.	East Troy, WI

Defensive Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN
6 Bell, Brett	CB	6'0"	196	Jr.	Wheaton, IL
42 Brooks, Robert	SS	5'10"	181	Sr.	Carrollton, TX
4 Cowans, Chuckie	DB	5'8"	161	Sr.	Chicago, IL
30 Davis, Jameson	CB	6'0"	191	Fr.	Hamden, CT
13 Hogan, Casey	DB	6'5"	194	Fr.	Cross Plains, WI
39 Kamoku, James	DB	6'2"	207	Fr.	Kailua-Kona, HI
20 Konkol, Derek	DB	5'9"	182	So.	Amherst, WI
27 Lantagne, Brad	DB	6'2"	191	Fr.	Green Bay, WI
18 Leonhard, Jim	FS	5'8"	183	Sr.	Tony, WI
22 Rogers, Roderick	FS	6'2"	186	So.	Stone Mountain, GA
21 Rowan, LeVonne	CB	6'1"	191	Jr.	Erie, PA
2 Starks, Scott	CB	5'10"	176	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
16 Stellmacher, Joe	DB	6'1"	210	So.	Berlin, WI
11 Strickland, Ben	DB	5'9"	172	Fr.	Brookfield, WI
26 Sylvain, Johnny	DB	5'10"	177	Jr.	Hackensack, NJ
36 White, Johnny	SS	6'2"	211	So.	Pearland, TX

Specialists	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN
99 Allen, Mike	K	6'2"	182	Sr.	Prescott, WI
94 DeBauche, Kenneth	P	6'2"	209	Fr.	Suamico, WI
31 Morse, R.J.	P	6'1"	246	Sr.	Waipahu, HI
97 Standing, Paul	P/K	6'1"	206	Fr.	Chicago, IL

Offense (9)			
WR	9	Jonathan Orr (Jr.)	87 Darrin Charles (Sr.)
WR	25	Brandon Williams (Jr.)	8 Brandon White (Jr.)
LT	72	Joe Thomas (So.)	64 Danny Kaye (Fr.)
LG	67	Dan Buening (Sr.)	76 Matt Lawrence (Jr.)
C	53	Donovan Raiola (Jr.)	52 Jason Palermo (Jr.)
RG	50	Jonathan Clinkscale (Sr.)	78 Jake Wood (Jr.)
RT	75	Morgan Davis (Sr.)	61 Mike Lorenz (Sr.)
TE	85	Tony Paciotti (Sr.)	84 Jason Pociask (Jr.)
QB	2	John Stocco (So.)	12 Tyler Donovan (Fr.)
FB	45	Matt Bernstein (Jr.)	37 Greg Root (Jr.)
TB	28	Anthony Davis (Sr.)	32 Booker Stanley (So.)

Defense (6)			
DE	98	Darius Jones (Sr.)	90 Erasmus James (Sr.)
DT	77	Anttaj Hawthorne (Sr.)	99 Justin Ostrowski (Fr.)
DT	74	Jason Jefferson (Sr.)	58 Calvin Barrett (Sr.)
DE	92	Jonathan Welsh (Sr.)	96 Jamal Cooper (Fr.)
SLB	41	Mark Zalewski (So.)	23 Paul Joran (So.)
MLB	15	Reggie Cribbs (So.)	47 Elliot Goode (Jr.)
WLB	24	LaMarr Watkins (Jr.)	14 Donte Sanders (Jr.)
CB	2	Scott Starks (Sr.)	21 LeVonne Rowan (Jr.)
CB	6	Brett Bell (Jr.)	30 Jameson Davis (Fr.)
SS	42	Robert Brooks (Sr.)	36 Johnny White (So.)
FS	18	Jim Leonhard (Sr.)	22 Roderick Rogers (So.)

Special Teams			
K	99	Mike Allen (Sr.)	KR 25 Brandon Williams (Jr.)
P	31	R.J. Morse (Sr.)	PR 18 Jim Leonhard (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters  
**BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 Signees

Jason Chapman	DL	6'4"	260	Bedford Hts., OH	Joshua Neal	LB	5'10"	225	Nashville, TN
Jammar Crane	LB	6'1"	200	Garland, TX	Mike Newkirk	DL	6'3"	235	Ladysmith, WI
Andy Crooks	LB	6'3"	235	Wausau, WI	Dave Peck	TE	6'4"	230	Media, PA
Gino Cruse	DL	6'5"	315	Phoenix, AZ	Chris Pressley	RB	6'1"	265	Woodbury, NJ
Jameson Davis	DB	5'11"	185	Hamden, CT	Marcus Randle-El	QB	5'10"	175	Markham, IL
Antonio Freeman	DB	6'0"	180	Milwaukee, WI	Bill Rentmeester	RB	6'0"	240	Beaver Dam, WI
Nick Hayden	DL	6'5"	265	Hartland, WI	Bryan Savage	QB	6'4"	210	Clifton Heights, PA
Jack Ikegwuonu	WR	6'1"	190	Madison, WI	Nick Sutton	LB	6'1"	220	Detroit, MI
Allen Langford	DB	5'11"	185	Detroit, MI	Kraig Urbik	OL	6'6"	315	Hudson, WI
Sean Lewis	QB	6'7"	225	Oak Lawn, IL	Bill Walker	RB	6'2"	210	Rolling Meadows, IL
Taylor Mehlhaff	PK	5'11"	180	Aberdeen, SD	Joe Walker	LB	6'2"	200	Green Bay, WI
Jarvis Minton	WR	6'1"	185	Arlington, TX					

With six of their top eight defensive linemen seniors this season, the Badgers smartly signed four players to help bolster the corps. The marquee name is in-state product Nick Hayden, who played in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio. However, the gem could turn out to be fellow in-state product Mike Newkirk, whose tenacity has been compared to former UW All-American nosetackle Tim Krumrie. The most glaring short-term hole that needed to be filled was kicker, and the UW coaches, who have missed on several prospects in recent years, were ecstatic last winter when they landed Taylor Mehlhaff out of Aberdeen (S.D.) Central. Mehlhaff, the nation's No. 1-rated kicker by at least one recruiting service, drilled 93 percent of his kickoffs into the end zone for touchbacks as a senior. He should help UW win the battle for field position and will probably be asked to handle long field goals, too.

## 2003 Results — 7-6 (4-4 Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 30	at West Virginia	W	24-17
S. 6	Akron	W	48-31
S. 13	UNLV	L	5-23
S. 20	North Carolina	W	38-27
S. 27	at Illinois	W	38-20
O. 4	at Penn State	W	30-23
O. 11	Ohio State	W	17-10
O. 18	Purdue	L	23-26
O. 25	at Northwestern	L	7-16
N. 8	at Minnesota	L	34-37
N. 15	Michigan State	W	56-21
N. 22	Iowa	L	21-27
D. 31	#Auburn	L	14-28
	#Music City Bowl		

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Matt Schabert, 65-33-441-4, 1 TD  
**Rushing:** Dwayne Smith, 165 car, 857 yds, 9 TDs  
**Receiving:** Brandon Williams, 49 rec., 649 yds., 1 TD  
**Scoring:** Mike Allen, 9 FGs, 32 XPs, 59 points  
**Punting:** R.J. Morse, 62 punts, 40.7 avg.  
**Kicking:** Mike Allen, 9-12 FGs, 32-34 XPs, 59 points  
**Tackles:** Jim Leonhard, 98, 63 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Anttaj Hawthorne, 20 for 54 yds.  
**Sacks:** Jonathan Welsh, 8  
**Interceptions:** Jim Leonhard, 7 for 98 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** Brandon Williams, 29 ret., 21.6 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Jim Leonhard, 34 ret., 13.8 avg.





# previewing the **MAC**

**T**he MAC is coming off its finest season of football in the league's 57-year history. Two teams ended the season in the national rankings (Miami at No. 10 and Bowling Green at No. 23) and league members recorded five wins over nationally ranked opponents. On that magical September Saturday, Toledo beat Pittsburgh, Marshall shocked Kansas State and Northern Illinois topped Alabama in Tuscaloosa. In addition, three MAC teams enjoyed 10-win regular seasons (Miami, Bowling Green and Northern Illinois) and five schools captured wins over teams from BCS conferences.

ESPN gave the league some national attention by bringing its GameDay roadshow to Bowling Green in late October. And the postseason was once again kind to the league; wins by Miami (GMAC Bowl) and Bowling Green (Motor City Bowl) improved the MAC's bowl record to 8-1 since 1998.

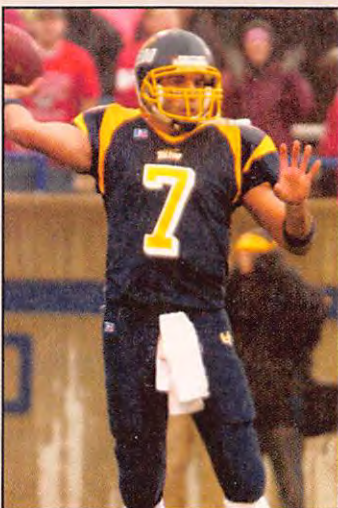
Looking ahead to 2004, the strength of the MAC figures to once again be in the West Division, where the Toledo Rockets, led by record-setting quarterback Bruce Gradkowski, are the team to beat. UT averaged over 450 yards and 30 points per game last year, and the Rockets' attack should be even more potent this fall.

Northern Illinois and defending West Division champ Bowling Green will also be in the hunt, along with Western Michigan. Central Michigan, Ball State and Eastern Michigan are breaking in new quarterbacks and rebuilding.

In the East, Marshall would love to claim another conference title in its final season in the league before heading off to Conference USA. Quarterback Stan Hill is back healthy and should have the Herd's offense in high gear.

Defending MAC champ Miami has talent, but the RedHawks lost All-America quarterback Ben Roethlisberger to the NFL. UCF is trying move past a tumultuous 2003 season that produced a 3-9 record. The Golden Knights hired former Georgia Tech coach George O'Leary to turn things around in Orlando. Akron features the league's top player in quarterback Charlie Frye. While Kent State, Ohio and Buffalo will be hard-pressed to finish in the top half of the division.

Projected Order of Finish	
East	West
1. Marshall	1. Toledo
2. Miami	2. Northern Illinois
3. UCF	3. Bowling Green
4. Akron	4. Western Michigan
5. Kent State	5. Central Michigan
6. Ohio	6. Ball State
7. Buffalo	7. Eastern Michigan



**Bruce Gradkowski**

## Preseason All-MAC Team

### Offense

QB	Charlie Frye	6'4"	224	Jr.	Akron
RB	Jerry Seymour	5'6"	190	So.	Central Michigan
RB	Anthony Sherrell	5'10"	193	Sr.	Eastern Michigan
WR	Greg Jennings	6'1"	190	Jr.	Western Michigan
WR	Lance Moore	5'11"	184	Sr.	Toledo
TE	Andrew Clarke	6'4"	249	Sr.	Toledo
OL	Aaron Conley	6'3"	294	Sr.	Akron
OL	Nick Kazcur	6'5"	305	Sr.	Toledo
OL	Adam Kieft	6'7"	320	Sr.	Central Michigan
OL	Scott Mruczkowski	6'4"	315	Sr.	Bowling Green
OL	Jake VerStraete	6'7"	311	Sr.	Northern Illinois

### Defense

DL	Jamus Martin	6'2"	224	Sr.	Marshall
DL	Jack Gitler	6'2"	260	Sr.	Western Michigan
DL	Mitchell Crossley	6'3"	250	Jr.	Bowling Green
DL	Jonathan Goddard	6'0"	246	Sr.	Marshall
LB	Terna Nande	6'1"	230	Jr.	Miami
LB	Eric Mahl	6'2"	245	Sr.	Kent State
LB	Anthony Jordan	6'3"	230	Jr.	Toledo
DB	Atari Bigby	5'11"	215	Sr.	UCF
DB	Justin Beriault	6'3"	200	Sr.	Ball State
DB	Willie Smith	6'0"	194	Sr.	Marshall
DB	James King	6'1"	215	Sr.	Central Michigan

### Special Teams

K	Andrew Wellock	5'11"	173	So.	Eastern Michigan
P	Adam Anderson	6'0"	193	Sr.	Western Michigan
KR	Luther Huggins	5'11"	180	Jr.	UCF
PR	Ryne Robinson	5'10"	169	So.	Miami

## The MAC Athlon Awards



<b>QBs</b> .....	<b>Akron</b>
<b>RBs</b> .....	<b>Bowling Green</b>
<b>TE/WRs</b> .....	<b>Toledo</b>
<b>O-Line</b> .....	<b>Toledo</b>
<b>D-Line</b> .....	<b>Marshall</b>
<b>LBs</b> .....	<b>UCF</b>
<b>DBs</b> .....	<b>Miami</b>

An *Athlon Award* is handed out to the best units in each conference.

See page 60 for complete rankings from each conference.



## Future Stars

**T**hanks to unprecedented national exposure during the 2004 season, schools from the Mid-America Conference lured tremendous talent to their respective campuses. More than ever before, players with offers from BCS conference schools chose to sign with a MAC program, hoping to become the next Randy Moss, Chad Pennington, Byron Leftwich or Ben Roethlisberger.

Toledo signed the MAC's top class, landing players from New York to California. Wide receiver Gabe Hatchett decommitted from Nebraska to play in the Rockets' wide-open offense. Toledo also added Trumaine Smith, one of the top receiver prospects in the Midwest. Marshall, entering its final season in the MAC, hauled in another solid class built on speed. Receiver Jermaine Filer and running back Marcus Fitzgerald, Larry's younger brother, headline this talented group.

Bowling Green signed the conference's highest rated player, Anthony Turner, a quarterback who had offers from Iowa and West Virginia, among others. He was rated among the top 10 players in the state of Ohio by most recruiting services.

After finishing 10th in the nation last year, Miami signed one of the best classes in their rich football history, highlighted by quarterback Jared Elliott, a first-team all-state pick from Tennessee, linebacker Joe Coniglio and tailback Jimmy Calhoun. Coniglio and Calhoun will bring some speed to the RedHawks' lineup.

Northern Illinois signee Britt Davis, a quarterback, accounted for over 7,700 yards and 90 touchdowns in 22 games as a starter and had offers from Indiana and New Mexico.

Quarterback Alex Engram highlights Western Michigan's class. He reported offers from over 25 schools, including Nebraska, TCU, Iowa and Kansas State. Mark Bonds was rated the No. 33 running back in the nation by one recruiting service. Central Michigan brought in seven players from its home state, as new coach Brian Kelly tries to revive a once-proud program. Ohio's new spread offense should be a good fit for all-state quarterback Mark Petruziello.

UCF's main focus under new coach George O'Leary was linemen. Defensive tackle Keith Shologan was rated the top prospect in Canada, while quarterback Kyle Israel picked the Golden Knights over Florida State. Akron signed three players from powerhouse Glenville High School in Cleveland, along with two highly regarded quarterback prospects.

Ball State expanded its recruiting territory and signed Adell Givens, an athlete who had received interest from Big Ten schools. New Eastern Michigan coach Jeff Genyk, a former Northwestern assistant, hit the greater Detroit area and landed highly rated defensive tackle DeMarko Hughes. Kent State addressed its immediate needs along both lines and at linebacker, while Buffalo recruited with a heavy emphasis on defense, special teams, and receiver.

<b>MAC Recruiting</b>
1. Toledo
2. Marshall
3. Bowling Green
4. Miami
5. Northern Illinois
6. Western Michigan
7. Central Michigan
8. Ohio
9. UCF
10. Akron
11. Ball State
12. Eastern Michigan
13. Kent State
14. Buffalo

<b>Player</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Wt.</b>	<b>School</b>
1. Anthony Turner	QB	6'2"	218	Bowling Green
2. Kyle Israel	QB	6'3"	230	UCF
3. Britt Davis	QB	6'4"	188	Northern Illinois
4. Alex Engram	QB	5'11"	205	Western Michigan
5. Gabe Hatchett	WR	6'3"	195	Toledo
6. DeMarko Hughes	DT	6'4"	295	Eastern Michigan
7. Jermaine Filer	WR	6'3"	190	Marshall
8. Trumaine Smith	WR	6'3"	180	Toledo
9. Marcus Fitzgerald	RB	5'10"	195	Marshall
10. Alfred Martin	DT	6'5"	255	Toledo
11. Ryan Tuggle	TE	6'4"	255	Northern Illinois
12. Jimmy Calhoun	RB	6'0"	195	Miami
13. Keith Shologan	DT	6'2"	275	UCF
14. Jared Elliott	QB	6'5"	210	Miami
15. Mark Bonds	RB	5'10"	220	Western Michigan
16. Shawn Donaldson	OL	6'5"	270	Kent State
17. Matt Parkhurst	TE	6'3"	245	Marshall
18. Jalen Parmele	RB	6'0"	210	Toledo
19. Diyral Biggs	DE	6'4"	200	Bowling Green
20. Adell Givens	RB	5'11"	185	Ball State





**A**kron athletic director Mike Thomas sent a clear message when he dumped Lee Owens in favor of new coach J.D. Brookhart — 5-3 in the MAC isn't good enough. Brookhart comes from Pittsburgh, where he worked as offensive coordinator under Walt Harris and coached wideouts Larry Fitzgerald and Antonio Bryant.

There was a collective sigh of relief around the Zips' coaching offices when record-breaking quarterback Charlie Frye said he would forego the NFL Draft and return for his final season. Overshadowed by Miami's Ben Roethlisberger and Bowling Green's Josh Harris, Frye now has the MAC stage. Unfortunately, his supporting cast is mostly gone.

The bigger issue, however, is the Zips' defense. This unit simply has too many questions for the Zips to contend in 2004.

### Quarterbacks

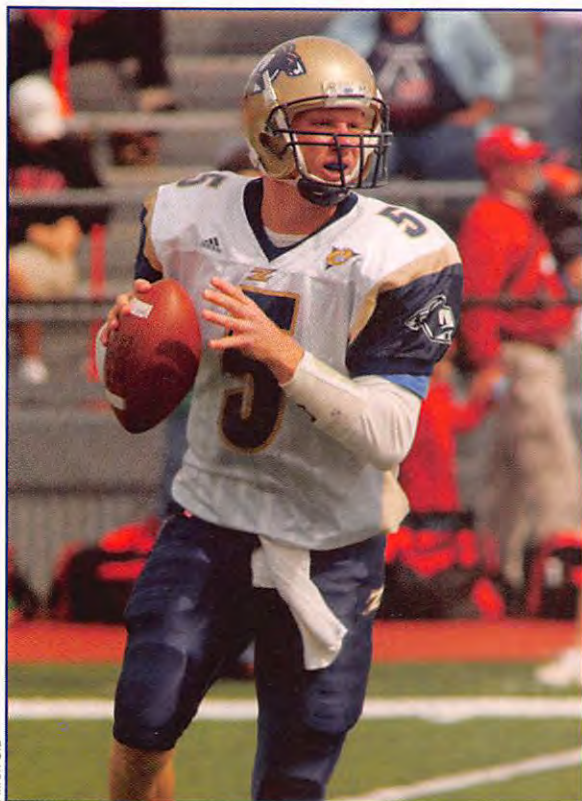


He's tough, talented and a legit NFL prospect. Frye may be the best-kept secret in college football. Being touted as a Heisman Trophy candidate, with a chance to rewrite the MAC record book this fall, Frye is expected to step into an offensive system that will enhance his NFL stock. The holder of 49 school passing marks, Frye can't do it by himself.

"We need to run the ball effectively," says Brookhart. "Charlie setting more records is not our goal this season. We need to control the clock and to do that we must run effectively."

### Running Backs

Look for junior Jerrell Ringer to get the bulk of the carries after averaging 7.8 yards per attempt (for 327 yards) in limited action a year ago. Fullback Dan Basch is a bruiser with a 5.3-yard career average. He can also catch the ball well out of the backfield.



Akron SID

Charlie Frye

### Receivers

There are plenty of candidates, and lots of potential, but this group is relatively inexperienced. Senior wideout Morris Ellington, injured most of last season, caught 31 balls back in 2002. Former defensive back Domenik Hixon will move to receiver and bring his much-needed 6'2" frame to join Ellington as a starter.

Dennis Basch, younger brother of Dan, emerged from spring drills as the No. 1 tight end.

### NUMBERS GAME

**404** The Zips ranked 10th in the 14-team MAC in total defense, allowing an average of 404 yards per game. That must improve.

### Offensive Linemen

Brookhart's system calls for Frye to take deeper drops, and that will put more pressure on the Zips' offensive line to protect. Returning starters Aaron Conley, Tim Crouch, Mike Piccirillo, and center Jim Borrieci have plenty of game experience and understand their charge — keep Frye off the turf. It is imperative this group take it up a notch or else the entire offense could unravel.

### Defensive Linemen

Desperate to get heat on opposing passers, the Zips have moved their best defensive player to end. Chase Blackburn earned second-team All-MAC honors as a linebacker last year after recording 110 tackles and a team-high 13 tackles for a loss. He now will ply his trade on the defensive line opposite veteran Dwayne LeFall, who contributed 6.5 sacks a year ago.

Tim Wilkes, a starting end last year, has moved inside and will compete with Brian White, Joe Radich and Bobby Gardner for the two tackle spots.

### Linebackers

Junior Diontre Earl, who packs 245 pounds on his 5'10" frame, has excellent acceleration to the ball. He'll likely start on the strong side. Special teams standout Jay Rohr will get the nod at middle linebacker. Former safety John Fuller is moving to weak-side linebacker to round out this undersized trio. Local product Brian Howe may get a shot before it's all said and done.

### Defensive Backs

The secondary is unsettled as well. With Hixon at wide receiver, Fuller moving to linebacker and Rickey McKenzie (seven interceptions) lost to graduation, it could be a tough fall for the defensive backs. More than half of the players listed on the two-deep are freshmen or sophomores.

### Specialists

Junior Jason Swiger, a former walk-on, became the team's No. 1 placekicker. He was a second-team All-MAC pick after hitting 14-of-20 field goals and 49-of-50 extra points. Billy Sullivan dropped 13 punts inside the opponents' 20-yard line and averaged 42.2-yards per kick.

Speedster Jamie Goodwin averaged 23.1 yards per kick return. Hixon (12.6 yards per return) will get first crack at handling punts.



**Head Coach: J.D. Brookhart • Record at School: First Season • Career Record: First Season**  
**Offensive Coordinator: Jim Pry • Defensive Coordinator: Jim Fleming • Akron, Ohio • Rubber Bowl (34,000)**

## 2004 Akron Roster

## Projected Depth Chart

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
12 Arthur, Jabari	QB	6'4"	212	Fr.	Montreal, PQ
13 Ferguson, John	QB	6'5"	226	Fr.	Reynoldsburg, OH
5 Frye, Charlie	QB	6'4"	224	Sr.	Willard, OH

Running Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
32 Basch, Dan	FB	6'1"	238	Sr.	Walton Hills, OH
29 Berchie, Frank	RB	5'8"	200	Fr.	Falls Church, VA
28 Gordon, Anthony	RB	5'7"	190	Fr.	Westerville, OH
4 Greer, Sekai	FB	5'10"	219	Sr.	Oakland, CA
9 Holland, Albert	RB	5'8"	153	Fr.	Youngstown, OH
37 Nedd, Jason	RB	5'10"	195	So.	St. Hubert, PQ
34 Owens, Andrew	FB	6'0"	235	So.	Uniontown, OH
40 Ringer, Jerrell	RB	5'10"	205	Jr.	Dayton, OH
39 Tetzel, Mark	FB	6'0"	240	Sr.	Rittman, OH
30 Vaughns, Vince	RB	6'0"	187	Jr.	Edmond, OK

Receivers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
41 Basch, Dennis	TE	6'3"	249	So.	Walton Hills, OH
85 Carry, Hashone	WR	5'9"	163	Fr.	Aliquippa, PA
1 Dalton II, Anthony	WR	6'0"	193	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
19 Ellington, Morris	WR	5'11"	187	Sr.	Deltona, FL
47 Garrison, Jeff	WR	6'2"	185	So.	Scottsdale, PA
15 Goodwin, Jamie	WR	5'10"	170	Jr.	Duquesne, PA
88 Green, Brett	WR	6'1"	197	So.	Midland, PA
82 Higgins, Drew	WR	6'3"	198	Fr.	Trotwood, OH
23 Hixon, Domenik	WR	6'2"	190	Jr.	Whitehall, OH
84 Kasperek, Kris	TE	6'6"	255	Fr.	New Brighton, PA
81 Montgomery, Jason	WR	5'11"	167	Jr.	Southfield, MI
84 Morris, Deonte	WR	6'3"	195	Fr.	Chicago, IL
74 Narcisse, Kenneth	TE	6'2"	250	Fr.	Spring Valley, NY
11 Patterson, Marcus	WR	5'9"	178	Fr.	Buffalo, NY
83 Pichardo, Matt	TE	6'4"	225	Fr.	Hollywood, FL
2 Samuel, Antonio	WR	6'0"	200	Fr.	Cleveland, OH
31 Sanders, Gabe	TE	6'2"	225	Fr.	Willard, OH
55 Sheldon, Brad	TE	6'2"	220	Jr.	Rochester, MI
21 Smith, Josh	WR	6'1"	200	Jr.	Akron, OH
9 Smith, Stan	WR	5'8"	185	Fr.	Euclid, OH
22 Spaulding, Richard	WR	6'2"	205	Jr.	New Albany, OH
86 Wilson, Travis	WR	6'5"	204	Fr.	Akron, OH

Offensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
61 Borrieci, Jim	C	6'3"	295	Sr.	Dublin, OH
69 Conley, Aaron	G	6'3"	294	Sr.	Wooster, OH
67 Cook, Willie	OL	6'1"	395	So.	Akron, OH
72 Crouch, Tim	T	6'3"	301	So.	Dayton, OH
75 Donaldson, Mike	T	6'5"	320	So.	Mansfield, OH
71 Grzeskowiak, Mike	OL	6'6"	315	Sr.	North Olmsted, OH
76 Hein, Justin	T	6'5"	335	Jr.	Lakewood, OH
64 Holley, Jim	C	6'3"	300	Fr.	Gahanna, OH
73 Kaplan, Scott	G	6'4"	314	Fr.	Boca Raton, FL
62 Piccirillo, Mike	G	6'2"	315	Sr.	Cleveland, OH
68 Schepp, Mike	G	6'4"	292	Fr.	Little Chute, WI
63 Wills, Andy	OL	6'3"	305	So.	Columbus, OH

Defensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
46 Abrams, James	DL	6'1"	248	Jr.	Cleveland, OH
98 Beard, Dorian	DL	6'0"	268	Jr.	Verona, PA
91 Berry, Mike	DE	6'3"	250	So.	Phoenix, IL
44 Blackburn, Chase	DE	6'3"	245	Sr.	Marysville, OH
95 Gardner, Bobby	DT	6'4"	250	Sr.	Hamilton, OH
97 Gonzales, Kiki	DL	6'2"	283	Jr.	Elizabeth, NJ
96 Groza, Mark	DL	6'3"	225	So.	Akron, OH
6 LeFall, Dwayne	DE	6'3"	260	Sr.	Oakland, CA
53 Lewis, Chuck	DL	6'2"	250	Jr.	North Braddock, PA
90 Meyer, Chris	DL	6'0"	222	Fr.	Akron, OH
57 Radich, Joe	DT	6'2"	254	Sr.	Brewster, OH
99 Reid, Jermaine	DL	6'4"	270	So.	Pickering, ON
79 Shargots, Scott	DL	6'3"	215	Fr.	Washington, PA
77 Shippy, Antonio	DL	6'1"	332	So.	Union, SC
92 Sutton, Doug	DE	6'3"	220	Sr.	Warren, OH
93 Walker, Sam	DL	6'2"	255	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
48 White, Brian	DT	6'2"	275	Jr.	Mansfield, OH
51 Wilkes, Tim	DT	6'1"	250	Jr.	Akron, OH
80 Williams, Zach	DL	6'0"	285	So.	Industry, PA

Linebackers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
59 Butler, Brandon	LB	6'2"	223	Fr.	Cranberry Twp., PA
56 Earl, Diontre	SLB	5'10"	245	Jr.	Toledo, OH
60 Enright, Tom	LB	6'0"	230	So.	Mentor, OH
18 Fuller, John	WLB	6'2"	207	Sr.	North Canton, OH
50 Heslop, Matt	LB	6'0"	225	Fr.	Dublin, OH
52 Howe, Bryan	SLB	6'0"	230	Fr.	Akron, OH
17 Mackey, John	WLB	5'10"	187	Fr.	Uniontown, OH
38 Rice, Brian	LB	6'3"	204	So.	North Canton, OH
35 Rohr, Jay	MLB	5'11"	215	Jr.	Massillon, OH
43 Shackelford, Mark	LB	6'3"	212	Fr.	Norton, OH
8 Smith, Jared	LB	6'2"	230	Sr.	Dallas, OR
45 Yeow, Cam	MLB	6'1"	230	Sr.	Surrey, BC

Defensive Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
25 Agyeman, Steve	CB	6'0"	195	Sr.	Fairfax, VA
7 Clark, Ernest	S	6'0"	192	So.	Verona, PA
29 Corner, Reggie	CB	5'9"	170	Fr.	Canton, OH
26 Dixon, Yamari	CB	5'8"	187	Fr.	Miami, FL
27 Elie, Dion	CB	6'0"	193	Jr.	Euclid, OH
29 Goldman, Robert	S	6'1"	190	Jr.	Detroit, MI
20 Henry, Dionte	CB	5'11"	189	So.	Aliquippa, PA
2 Leno, Vincent	CB	5'8"	150	Fr.	Miami, FL
3 Nelson, William	CB	5'10"	187	Jr.	Buffalo, NY
10 Pace, Chevin	S	5'10"	190	Fr.	Miami, FL
16 Penny, Razi	SS	6'2"	191	Fr.	Twinsburg, OH
24 Vital, Jino	S	5'10"	211	Fr.	Oakland, CA
42 White, Robert	CB	5'10"	190	Fr.	Akron, OH

Specialists	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
49 Giachetti, Jason	K	6'2"	207	So.	Brooklyn, OH
14 Sullivan, Bill	P/K	5'11"	186	Jr.	Niles, OH
36 Swiger, Jason	K	5'8"	181	Jr.	Copley, OH

Offense (5)			
WR	23	Domenik Hixon (Jr.)	15 Jamie Goodwin (Jr.)
WR	19	Morris Ellington (Sr.)	81 Jason Montgomery (Jr.)
LT	72	Tim Crouch (So.)	75 Mike Donaldson (So.)
LG	69	Aaron Conley (Sr.)	73 Scott Kaplan (Fr.)
C	61	Jim Borrieci (Sr.)	64 Jim Holley (Fr.)
RG	62	Mike Piccirillo (Sr.)	68 Mike Schepp (Fr.)
RT	71	Mike Grzeskowiak (Sr.)	76 Justin Hein (Jr.)
TE	41	Dennis Basch (So.)	84 Kris Kasperek (Fr.)
QB	5	Charlie Frye (Sr.)	12 Jabari Arthur (Fr.)
FB	32	Dan Basch (Sr.)	39 Mark Tetzel (Sr.)
HB	40	Jerrell Ringer (Jr.)	37 Jason Nedd (So.)

Defense (6)			
DE	6	Dwayne LeFall (Sr.)	91 Mike Berry (So.)
DT	57	Joe Radich (Sr.)	48 Brian White (Jr.)
DT	95	Bobby Gardner (Sr.)	51 Tim Wilkes (Jr.)
DE	44	Chase Blackburn (Sr.)	92 Doug Sutton (Sr.)
SLB	56	Diontre Earl (Jr.)	52 Bryan Howe (Fr.)
MLB	35	Jay Rohr (Jr.)	45 Cam Yeow (Sr.)
WLB	18	John Fuller (Sr.)	17 John Mackey (Fr.)
CB	20	Dionte Henry (So.)	26 Yamari Dixon (Fr.)
CB	25	Steve Agyeman (Sr.)	29 Reggie Corner (Fr.)
SS	10	Chevin Pace (Fr.)	24 Jino Vital (Sr.)
FS	27	Dion Elie (Jr.)	7 Ernest Clark (So.)

Special Teams			
K	36	Jason Swiger (Jr.)	KR 15 Jamie Goodwin (Jr.)
P	14	Billy Sullivan (So.)	PR 23 Domenik Hixon (Jr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters  
**BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 Signees

Jesse Arntz	DL	6'6"	260	Massillon, OH	C.J. Gruber	OL	6'5"	310	Steeltown, PA
Jemall Benjamin	LB	6'1"	215	Cleveland, OH	Jamail Jackson	RB	5'11"	215	Oil City, PA
Garrett Brewster	OL	6'4"	270	Harrisville, PA	Eric Lively	TE	6'3"	235	Gambills, MD
Chris Brown	DB	5'9"	200	Westerville, OH	Johnny Long	WR	6'2"	170	Cincinnati, OH
Jared Cecchetti	OL	6'2"	258	Kane, PA	Joe McDaniel	RB	6'0"	215	Turtle Creek, PA
Donte Cloud	LB	5'11"	200	Cleveland, OH	Kurt Shoemaker	QB	6'3"	195	Cincinnati, OH
Doug Fife	TE	6'5"	240	Venetia, PA	Renaldo Siler	LB	6'1"	220	Canton, OH
Brian Flaherty	QB	6'5"	210	Stow, OH	Brion Stokes	LB	6'0"	215	Charlotte, NC
Gary Frisby	WR	5'11"	160	Grand Blanc, MI	Andre Walker	RB	5'10"	185	Reynoldsburg, OH
Stephon Fuqua	DB	6'0"	190	Cleveland, OH	Brandon Williams	WR	6'1"	170	Tampa, FL
Kevin Grant	LB	6'2"	230	Herndon, VA	Doug Williams	DL	6'2"	241	Tampa, FL

J.D. Brookhart was hired in mid-December but coordinated Pittsburgh's offense in the Continental Tire Bowl, so he had to hustle to sign 22 players in his first class at Akron. The Zips' new coach probably did a smart thing when he inked three seniors from Cleveland's Glenville High School. Ted Ginn Sr., Glenville's coach, sent his son, Ted Ginn Jr., to Ohio State, but by taking three Tarblooders the new staff built a bridge for future recruiting. Led by linebacker Jemall Benjamin, all three Glenville players have been clocked in 4.3-4.4 range in the 40.

Local quarterback Brian Flaherty stood by his earlier verbal commitment to the previous staff and signed with Brookhart. Cincinnati prospects Johnny Long (receiver) and Kurt Shoemaker (quarterback) and six Pennsylvania natives also came into the fold.

Brookhart and his staff are going to have to forge relationships with high school coaches in Greater Columbus and Northeast Ohio, especially talent-rich Stark County.

## 2003 Results — 7-5 (5-3 MAC)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 28	Kent State	L	38-41
S. 6	at Wisconsin	L	31-48
S. 13	E. Michigan	W	24-17
S. 20	Howard	W	65-7
S. 27	at Buffalo	W	38-21
O. 4	at Miami (OH)	L	20-45
O. 11	Cal Poly	W	45-14
O. 18	UCF	W	38-24
O. 25	at Connecticut	L	37-38
N. 1	at Marshall	L	24-42
N. 8	at C. Michigan	W	40-28
N. 15	Ohio	W	35-28

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Charlie Frye, 421-273-3,549-9, 22 TDs  
**Rushing:** Jerrell Ringer, 42 car, 327 yds., 3 TDs  
**Receiving:** Jason Montgomery, 18 rec., 265 yds., 4 TDs  
**Scoring:** Jason Swiger, 14 FGs, 49 XPs, 91 points  
**Punting:** Billy Sullivan, 41 punts, 42.2 avg.  
**Kicking:** Jason Swiger, 14-20 FGs, 49-50 XPs, 91 points  
**Tackles:** Domenik Hixon, 111, 78 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Chase Blackburn, 13 for 33 yds.  
**Sacks:** Dwayne LeFall, 6.5  
**Interceptions:** 8 players with 1 INT  
**Kickoff returns:** Jamie Goodwin, 37 ret., 23.1 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Domenik Hixon, 8 ret., 12.6 avg.





Three years ago, in what many around the program believed was an act of serendipity, Buffalo hired Jim Hofher to turn around its football fortunes. Three years and five victories later, the school still believes it hired the right man for the crisis.

But the reality is that victories best demonstrate the continued success of a program, and the Bulls need to show improvement in 2004, particularly in the win column. If not, Hofher's job could be in serious jeopardy.

Thirteen starters return from last year's 1-11 team, and many are experienced juniors beginning their fourth seasons in the program. In that regard, the road ahead looks somewhat fruitful.

### Quarterbacks

There are plenty of options at quarterback, but the solution is anyone's guess. Junior P.J. Piskorik took the most snaps in the spring and figures to be ahead of the competition heading into the fall. He became the first Buffalo quarterback since 1998 to throw for more touchdowns than interceptions while completing at least 50 percent of his passes. Piskorik will be pushed by sophomore Stewart Sampsel, former starter Randall Secky, a fifth-year senior, and redshirt freshman Chris Moore. Sampsel, a good runner and passer, has the most potential.

### Running Backs

The Bulls didn't lose anyone from a group that averaged 4.6 yards per carry and scored 10 touchdowns. Junior Dave Dawson was the leading rusher, but he wore down as the season progressed and may not be the long-term answer. Junior Aaron Leeper, the MAC Freshman of the Year in 2002, came into last season out of shape and never found his rhythm. Sophomores Chris McDuffie, Jared Patterson and Steven King have everything Dawson and Leeper don't — size, speed and quickness — but there's only one ball.



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Rob Schroeder

### Receivers

Buffalo's shift to a more run-oriented offense meant fewer opportunities for its receivers. Of course, the lack of a big-play receiver had a lot to do with it. Matt Knueven rebounded from an injury-plagued sophomore season to pace the team in receptions, yards and touchdown catches, but no other wideout had more than 14 catches.

Leeper, the team's second-leading rusher, was also the Bulls' second-leading receiver with 23. Redshirt freshman Terrance Breaux enjoyed a solid spring and has soft hands, but someone else has to emerge.

### NUMBERS GAME

**6** Buffalo's quarterbacks threw for just six touchdowns during the entire 2003 season.

### Offensive Linemen

Buffalo has a deep well of offensive linemen. Four starters — Erik Zeppuhar, Zack Love, Eric Weber and Mike Schifano — return. Juniors Terrance Miles and Luke Johnson will push for time at tackle, while senior Dan Minocchi and sophomores Tim Schmidt and Gerry Weissinger will challenge at guard. The staff is high on both Love and Schmidt, who have the most potential in this group.

### Defensive Linemen

There are 78 career starts among the D-line returnees, but the staff would like to see better numbers against the run and more of a pass rush. The return of junior Anthony Andriano, an explosive player off the edge, helps. Andriano missed all of last season with a foot injury. Also, look for redshirt freshman Andrae Smith to make an impact in his first season. Junior Rob Schroeder and senior Sagan Atuatasi, a one-time USC recruit, return at tackle, though Atuatasi sat out this spring to concentrate on his grades.

### Linebackers

Lamar Wilcher and Chris Clifton are gone, but their replacements may be better. Sophomore Ramon Guzman, who was recruited heavily by Syracuse, has shifted from fullback to linebacker and is arguably the team's best athlete. Senior Rodney Morris has the speed and quickness to make plays but will be pushed by several youngsters. Junior Bryan Cummings is a hard hitter who plays from sideline to sideline.

### Defensive Backs

The secondary was undressed by several MAC quarterbacks last season, and it doesn't help matters that junior cornerback Kevin Concepcion, who served a university-mandated suspension last season, has been suspended again. His future with the program is in doubt. The secondary does welcome back safety Gemara Williams and cornerback Delando Bradford, but this unit will miss all-league pick Mark Graham.

### Specialists

Expect a pair of true freshmen to take over. Kicker Gerry McGroarty from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., is a two-time all-state selection whose 64-yard field goal is the longest in state history. Punter Ben Woods from Hermitage, Pa., averaged 43.1 yards per punt as a senior.



**Head Coach: Jim Hoffer • Record at School: 5-30 (3 years) • Career Record: 49-66 (11 years)**  
**Offensive Coordinator: Roy Istvan • Defensive Coordinator: Tom Jones • Buffalo, N.Y. • UB Stadium (31,000)**

## 2004 Buffalo Roster

## Projected Depth Chart

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
12 Moore, Chris	QB	6'5"	213	Fr.	Highland Village, TX
13 Piskorik, P.J.	QB	6'0"	215	Jr.	Swoyersville, PA
15 Sampsel, Stewart	QB	6'3"	190	So.	Howard, PA
7 Secky, Randall	QB	6'4"	218	Sr.	Bemus Point, NY

Running Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
22 Dawson, Dave	RB	5'7"	181	Jr.	Camp Hill, PA
25 Ibekweh, Ekeh	FB	6'1"	257	Fr.	Brooklyn, NY
9 King, Steven	RB	6'0"	202	So.	Hempstead, NY
21 Leeper, Aaron	RB	5'10"	199	Jr.	Jamestown, NY
26 McDuffie, Chris	RB	5'10"	193	So.	Amherst, NY
42 Patterson, Jared	RB	6'1"	209	So.	Belvidere, NJ
35 Sussman, Ken	FB	6'2"	256	Fr.	Great Neck, NY
41 Wilson, Tyrone	FB	5'10"	247	Sr.	Tulare, CA

Receivers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
24 Breaux, Terrance	WR	6'2"	206	Fr.	Randallstown, MD
11 Buchanan, Kevin	WR	6'0"	198	Fr.	Somerville, NJ
20 Dyer, Derrick	WR	6'3"	206	Jr.	Rochester, NY
84 Green, Jeff	WR	6'3"	206	Fr.	Fairport, NY
85 Knueven, Matt	WR	6'1"	208	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
82 Larmond, DeSean	WR	6'0"	178	So.	Brooklyn, NY
83 McClover, Gabe	WR	6'1"	214	Jr.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
88 Miller, Brian	TE	6'5"	235	Sr.	Santa Clarita, CA
89 Scott, Trevor	TE	6'5"	222	Fr.	Potsdam, NY
80 Upshaw, Chad	TE	6'4"	260	So.	Southport, CT
90 Vrantis, Greg	TE	6'3"	242	Fr.	Hamilton, ON
86 Watson, Brian	WR	6'5"	225	So.	Elizabeth, NJ

Offensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
66 Auguste, Leroy	OL	6'5"	300	Fr.	Newburgh, NY
67 Burgio, Jon	OL	6'9"	330	Fr.	Clarence, NY
69 Coughlin, Travis	OL	6'6"	289	Fr.	Royal Oak, MI
75 Geddes, Jon	OL	6'5"	329	Fr.	Colonie, NY
77 Johnson, Luke	T	6'7"	296	Jr.	Wayzata, MN
63 Londono, Yariel	OL	6'1"	252	So.	Bronx, NY
74 Love, Zack	T	6'4"	310	Jr.	Wallingford, PA
76 Miles, Terrance	T	6'5"	292	Jr.	Buffalo, NY
72 Minocchi, Dan	OL	6'1"	280	Sr.	Canton, OH
71 Richard, Jamey	OL	6'5"	280	Fr.	Westin, CT
59 Schifano, Mike	G	6'4"	272	Jr.	Webster, NY
73 Schmidt, Tim	G	6'5"	290	So.	Apalachin, NY
68 Stresing, Art	C	6'1"	288	Jr.	Batavia, NY
65 Weber, Eric	C	6'5"	316	Sr.	Canandaigua, NY
78 Weissinger, Gerry	G	6'5"	313	So.	Webster, NY
79 Zeppuhar, Erik	G	6'3"	296	Sr.	Allison Park, PA

Defensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
93 Abdo, Matt	DL	6'2"	263	Fr.	Fayetteville, NY
87 Abraham, Marck	DT	6'3"	263	So.	Deerfield Beach, FL
56 Andriano, Anthony	DE	6'2"	253	Jr.	Howard Beach, NY
94 Atuati, Sagan	DT	6'2"	352	Sr.	Los Alamitos, CA
53 Berry, Kirk	DE	6'2"	263	Jr.	Norristown, PA
64 Conrad, Ian	DL	6'1"	257	Fr.	Buffalo, NY
95 Dombek, Jeff	DL	6'4"	245	Fr.	Clarence, NY
37 Jacques, Philip	DE	6'2"	240	Jr.	Farmington Hills, MI
30 Judges, James	DE	6'6"	243	Fr.	Pickering, ON
92 Meholif, Bill	DT	6'2"	260	Jr.	Parma, OH
95 Parrow, Randy	DT	6'3"	281	Fr.	Hazelcrest, IL
70 Russell, Casey	DL	5'11"	269	Sr.	Lafayette, NY
49 Sanders, Aaron	DE	6'1"	240	Jr.	Clarence, NY
62 Schroeder, Rob	DT	6'3"	281	Jr.	East Rochester, NY
97 Smith, Andrae	DE	6'4"	248	Fr.	Bloomfield, CT
55 Soltis, Ken	DE	5'11"	262	Jr.	Boca Raton, FL
91 Washington, Leonard	DL	6'1"	244	So.	Akron, OH
75 Whitmore, Marquis	DT	6'0"	285	So.	Far Rockaway, NY

Linebackers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
57 Alberry, James	LB	6'0"	230	Sr.	Auburn, NY
58 Bublav, Jeff	LB	5'10"	202	So.	Norwood, PA
46 Cummings, Bryan	OLB	6'3"	226	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
39 Ervin, Ollice	LB	6'1"	217	Fr.	Vero Beach, FL
54 Facaros, Dimitri	LB	5'7"	222	Jr.	Oakmont, PA
81 Goss, James	LB	5'9"	208	So.	Syracuse, NY
50 Guzman, Ramon	OLB	6'2"	223	So.	Bronx, NY
33 Haymore, LaRon	LB	6'1"	219	Fr.	St. Louis, MO
44 Morris, Rodney	ILB	5'10"	240	Sr.	Pahokee, FL
47 Robertson, Todd	OLB	6'1"	214	Fr.	Amherst, NY
99 Sanders, Rich	ILB	5'11"	255	Jr.	Miami, FL
51 Szpak, Jim	LB	5'10"	221	Jr.	West Hills, NY
34 Vann, James	OLB	6'1"	207	So.	Downington, PA

Defensive Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
36 Ambrose, Michelin	CB	5'10"	185	Sr.	Brooklyn, NY
32 Bradford, Delando	CB	5'8"	173	So.	Franklin, MI
27 Byrom, Kareem	DB	5'9"	194	Fr.	New Brunswick, NJ
5 Carter, Zack	FS	6'0"	190	Fr.	Manlius, NY
23 Concepcion, Kevin	CB	6'0"	183	Jr.	Rochester, NY
40 Cunningham, Antwan	DB	5'11"	180	Jr.	Orange, NJ
29 Gibson, J.J.	FS	5'9"	184	Sr.	Buffalo, NY
98 Lapinski, Dustin	DB	5'9"	198	Fr.	Rochester, NY
43 McEachern, Luke	DB	6'0"	192	Fr.	Calgary, AB
25 Sherwood-Ericsson, Ryan	SS	6'1"	210	So.	Erie, PA
28 Smith, Brandon	CB	5'9"	189	So.	Miami, FL
38 Thomas, Stephen	CB	5'8"	208	Jr.	Brooklyn, NY
6 Williams, Gemara	SS	5'8"	180	Jr.	Oak Park, MI

Specialists	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
18 Baker, Michael	P/K	5'10"	192	Jr.	Jamestown, NY
19 Moss, Jeff	P	6'2"	237	Fr.	Durham, NC

Offense (7)			
WR	85	Matt Knueven (Sr.)	82 DeSean Larmond (So.)
WR	83	Gabe McClover (Jr.)	24 Terrance Breaux (Fr.)
LT	74	Zack Love (Jr.)	76 Terrance Miles (Jr.)
LG	59	Mike Schifano (Jr.)	78 Gerry Weissinger (So.)
C	65	Eric Weber (Sr.)	68 Art Stressing (Jr.)
RG	79	Eric Zeppuhar (Sr.)	73 Tim Schmidt (So.)
RT	77	Luke Johnson (Jr.)	76 Terrance Miles (Jr.)
TE	80	Chad Upshaw (So.)	88 Brian Miller (Sr.)
QB	13	P.J. Piskorik (Jr.)	15 Stewart Sampsel (So.)
FB	41	Tyrone Wilson (Sr.)	25 Ekeh Ibekweh (Fr.)
TB	22	Dave Dawson (Jr.)	21 Aaron Leeper (Jr.)

Defense (6)			
DE	37	Phil Jacques (Jr.)	97 Andrae Smith (Fr.)
NG	94	Sagan Atuati (Sr.)	92 Bill Meholif (Jr.)
DT	62	Rob Schroeder (Jr.)	87 Marck Abraham (So.)
DE	56	Anthony Andriano (Jr.)	49 Aaron Sanders (Jr.)
OLB	50	Ramon Guzman (So.)	34 James Vann (So.)
ILB	44	Rodney Morris (Sr.)	99 Rich Sanders (Jr.)
OLB	46	Bryan Cummings (Jr.)	47 Todd Robertson (Fr.)
CB	32	Delando Bradford (So.)	36 Michelin Ambrose (Sr.)
CB	28	Brandon Smith (So.)	38 Stephen Thomas (Jr.)
SS	6	Gemara Williams (Jr.)	25 Ryan Sherwood-Ericsson (So.)
FS	29	J.J. Gibson (Sr.)	5 Zack Carter (Fr.)

Special Teams			
K	Gerry McGroarty (Fr.)	KR	22 Dave Dawson (Jr.)
P	Ben Woods (Fr.)	PR	85 Matt Knueven (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters  
**BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 Signees

Chris Callahan	LB	6'2"	220	Webster, NY	Jeff Niedermier	OL	6'2"	275	N. Washington, OH
Joe Cerminara	RB	5'9"	190	Lewiston, NY	Frankie Pointer	DL	5'11"	285	Detroit, MI
Jamal Chisam	DB	5'11"	180	Glendale, MD	Dwayne Reid	WR	6'0"	185	Summit, NJ
Jon Geddes	OL	6'4"	330	Colonie, NY	Dwight Reid	WR	6'0"	185	Summit, NJ
Datwan Hemingway	QB	6'2"	190	Albany, NY	Brad Robison	LB	6'2"	227	Groton, NY
Jesse Imes	DE	5'11"	190	Cincinnati, OH	Chris Scharon	LB	6'1"	215	Salem, NH
Danzell Isaac	DB	6'2"	205	Gainesville, FL	Mike Thompson	DL	6'2"	260	Seffner, FL
Gerald Jackson	DB	5'11"	165	Alexandria, VA	Ben Woods	P	6'2"	190	Hermitage, PA
Bryan Kisabeth	WR	6'3"	190	Plymouth, MI	Robert Yealu	WR	6'3"	215	Cedar Grove, NJ
Gerry McGroarty	K	6'2"	200	Wilkes-Barre, PA					

There was a heavy emphasis on linebackers, wide receivers and defensive backs, but Jim Hoffer's fourth recruiting class was not as highly regarded in the MAC as his last two. Hoffer sought players with versatility after the bulk of last year's class was used to fill the offensive line.

Two players, kicker Gerry McGroarty of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and punter Ben Woods of Hermitage, Pa., are expected to play immediately, and the staff likes the potential of a pair of receivers — Bryan Kisabeth from Plymouth, Mich., and Robert Yealu of Cedar Grove, N.J. Kisabeth caught 35 passes for 701 yards and seven TDs as a senior, while Yealu had 22 catches for 524 yards.

Others who figure to make an impact over the next two seasons are 6'0", 185-pound twins Dwayne and Dwight Reid, who both played wide receiver and defensive back for Summit High in Summit, N.J.; and Jamal Chisam, a defensive back from Glendale, Md., who played at DeMatha Catholic.

## 2003 Results — 1-11 (1-7 MAC)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 30	at Rutgers	L	10-24
S. 6	at Iowa	L	7-56
S. 13	Colgate	L	15-38
S. 20	Connecticut	L	7-38
S. 27	Akron	L	21-38
O. 4	at UCF	L	10-19
O. 11	at Miami (OH)	L	3-59
O. 18	Marshall	L	16-26
O. 25	Ohio	W	26-17
N. 1	at Toledo	L	29-56
N. 8	Northern Illinois	L	9-40
N. 22	at Kent State	L	24-34

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** P.J. Piskorik, 162-85-824-3, 6 TDs  
**Rushing:** Dave Dawson, 128 car., 678 yds., 1 TD  
**Receiving:** Matt Knueven, 47 rec., 622 yds., 4 TDs  
**Scoring:** Matt Knueven, 4 TDs, 24 points  
**Punting:** Dominic Milano, 79 punts, 37.7 avg.  
**Kicking:** Michael Baker, 1-2 FGs, 1-1 XPs, 4 points  
**Tackles:** Gemara Williams, 81, 53 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Rob Schroeder, 5.5 for 20 yds.  
**Sacks:** J.J. Gibson, 3  
**Interceptions:** Gemara Williams, 2 for 47 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** Dave Dawson, 28 ret., 20.6 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Matt Knueven, 20 ret., 5.9 avg.





It was a turbulent off-season for Kent State. On Jan. 17, the Golden Flash's multi-talented senior quarterback Joshua Cribbs was charged with felony drug trafficking. Then on Feb. 25, six-year head coach Dean Pees accepted a position coaching linebackers for the New England Patriots. After a 3-30 start, Pees had brought Kent State football to respectability, not an easy task.

Offensive coordinator Doug Martin was elevated to head coach. The challenge for Martin is to make the Golden Flash's a MAC contender, easier in the short run with Cribbs under center. "(Cribbs) will be a little bit rusty possibly from missing spring ball," says Martin. "But if we can get his situation resolved in the summer, he can start work again."

New coordinator Pete Rekstis will attempt to restore Kent State's defensive prowess.

## Quarterbacks

It's difficult to evaluate Kent State's offense minus Cribbs. A two-time 1,000-yard rusher and a three-time 1,000-yard passer, Cribbs is a game-breaker, and the player largely responsible for the Flash's 10 MAC wins over the last three years. If he can't go, sophomore Antwan Smith will get the nod, and his style of play is similar to Cribbs'. Smith did catch 18 passes a year ago and carried 20 times for 92 yards.

Senior Darryl Polk has nearly 500 career passing yards, but Martin would rather grow with Smith at this point. Fingers are crossed Cribbs can clear himself and resume his exciting career.

## Running Backs

Senior David Alston was second-team All-MAC in 2001, but injuries have kept him on the sidelines most of the last two seasons. Alston rushed for 633 yards three years ago and had two

100-yard games. Redshirt freshman Rasheed McClaude emerged from spring practice No. 2 on the depth chart. Sophomore Kevin Beverly (five rushing touchdowns in 2003) is a capable reserve as well.

## Receivers

There's plenty of talent here to run out of Martin's multiple sets. Senior Darrell Dowery Jr. caught 41 balls a year ago for 783 yards for a healthy 19.1-yard average. He figures to be the first option. Najah Pruden is a deep threat who will take on an expanded role this season. Derrick Bush underwent minor knee surgery in the spring, but he should be ready to go.

## NUMBERS GAME

**11** Kent State has won 14 games the last three seasons. That's an 11-game improvement compared to its three wins from the previous three years — 1998-2000.

## Offensive Linemen

Three starters are back on the line. Left tackle Jason Andrews, who missed seven games last year with a broken leg, had ankle problems during spring drills. Versatile performers Chad Bandiera and Craig Rafdal should settle in at left guard and right guard, respectively. Daniel Carter started 11 games last season at right tackle. The Flash's are two-deep across the line and expect to pick up where they left off last season when they averaged 375.8 yards per game.

## Defensive Linemen

The Flash's ranked 12th in the MAC in total defense last fall, and it all started — or failed to start — up front. Kent State managed just 13 quarterback sacks, the second-lowest total in the league. End Daniel Muir (46 stops) is a legit talent but needs help. Kent's ends need to bring more pressure and help the secondary.

## Linebackers

Senior Eric Mahl is a returning All-MAC performer after registering 126 tackles last fall. Still, this group will need to tackle better if Kent State is going to improve defensively. Opposing quarterbacks enjoyed a 63.4 percent completion rate; the Flash's need better coverage from their linebackers to lower this number. Senior Antonio King, a converted running back, is capable of bigger and better things in 2004.

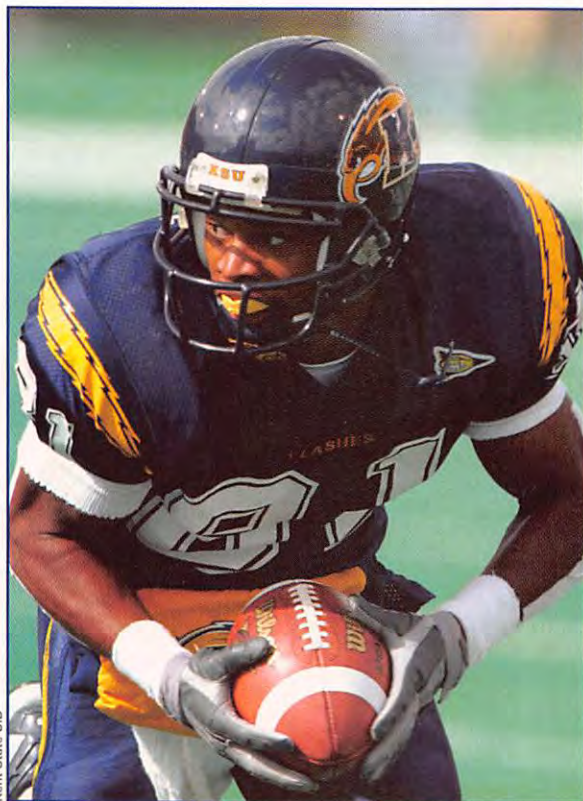
## Defensive Backs

The good news is that all four starters return in the secondary. The bad news is that this group allowed over 260 yards per game through the air. The coaching staff would like to see free safety Shannon Davis emerge as a leader. Strong safety Vashawn Patrick and corner Barry Drakeford are being asked to step up their physical play. Corner Usama Young is an up-and-comer.

## Specialists

The kicker, punter and long snapper all return. Travis Mayle converted 16-of-24 field goals and has proven himself in clutch situations. Joshua Brazen dropped 15 punts inside the 20 and still managed a 40.4-yard average.

Jon Drager, King, Alston and Dowery Jr. are capable kick returners.



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Darrell Dowery Jr.



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**Offensive Coordinator: Doug Martin • Defensive Coordinator: Pete Rekstis • Kent, Ohio • Dix Stadium (29,287)**

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Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
9 Cribbs, Joshua	QB	6'0"	190	Sr.	Upper Marlboro, MD
11 Mendoza, Joey	QB	6'1"	195	Fr.	Jupiter, FL
4 Polk, Darryl	QB	6'0"	205	Sr.	Deerfield, FL
8 Sitko, Tom	QB	6'2"	230	Fr.	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
2 Smith, Antwan	QB	6'2"	195	So.	Laurel, MD

Running Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
1 Alston, David	TB	5'10"	205	Sr.	Willingboro, NJ
25 Beverly, Kevin	TB	5'11"	200	So.	New Carrollton, MD
44 Bowen, Lucas	RB	5'10"	215	Sr.	Rockford, OH
22 Drager, Jon	HB	6'0"	195	So.	Jefferson Hills, PA
83 Hill, Marcus	HB	6'2"	200	So.	Washington, DC
34 McClaude, Rasheed	RB	5'11"	190	Fr.	Dale City, VA
19 McElroy, Tyrell	HB	5'11"	180	Jr.	Massillon, OH
3 Robinson, DeMarkus	RB	5'10"	180	Jr.	Orrville, OH

Receivers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
80 Bell, Brian	WR	6'2"	200	So.	Kettering, OH
89 Biggins, Nick	TE	6'3"	230	Jr.	Amherst, OH
7 Bobb, Cameron	WR	6'5"	195	Fr.	Ashtabula, OH
5 Boyd, James	WR	5'11"	180	Jr.	Bedford Heights, OH
37 Bush, Derrick	WR	5'11"	200	Jr.	Colquitt, GA
81 Dowery Jr., Darrell	WR	6'0"	170	Sr.	Washington, DC
82 Frederickson, J.E.	WR	6'1"	200	Fr.	North Palm Bch., FL
36 Newton, Charles	TE	6'0"	255	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
84 Novak, Austin	TE	6'2"	225	So.	Pittsburgh, PA
45 Parsons, Jake	TE	6'6"	250	Fr.	Gulph Mills, PA
87 Pruden, Najah	WR	6'3"	185	So.	Burlington, NJ
13 Tillman, Luke	TE	6'0"	210	So.	Elyria, OH

Offensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
74 Aderhold, Justin	OL	6'3"	300	Fr.	Washington, DC
72 Andrews, Jason	T	6'5"	295	Sr.	Lexington, KY
63 Bandiera, Chad	G	6'3"	315	Sr.	Lyndhurst, OH
78 Carter, Daniel	T	6'3"	310	Jr.	Silver Spring, MD
92 Durante, Dan	OL	6'4"	245	Fr.	Brunswick, OH
70 Geoghagan, Tony	OL	6'2"	280	So.	St. George, GA
75 Isenberg, Frank	OL	6'2"	315	So.	West Mifflin, PA
62 Kinkead, Kiff	G	6'1"	295	Fr.	Warren, OH
58 Manning, Nathaniel	T	6'3"	280	So.	Newport News, VA
65 Marafine, Joe	T	6'4"	275	Fr.	Cambridge Springs, PA
66 McGraw, Travis	G	6'5"	310	Fr.	Silver Spring, MD
68 McKenzie, Luke	OL	6'5"	270	Jr.	Newark, OH
77 Porter, Roy	OL	6'2"	265	Fr.	Elyria, OH
71 Rafdal, Craig	G/C	6'4"	300	So.	Beavercreek, OH
69 Robinson, Randy	OL	6'2"	270	Fr.	LaPlata, MD
50 Starry, Bill	C	6'0"	295	Fr.	McKeesport, PA
96 Woodworth, Matt	OL	6'4"	260	Fr.	Lima, OH

Defensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
55 Attieh, Roger	NT	6'0"	290	Jr.	Boonton, NJ
33 Barker, Delvin	DL	6'0"	260	Sr.	Oxford, NC
91 Brown, Larry	NT	6'1"	310	So.	Washington, DC
93 Dugarte, Anthony	DL	6'2"	245	Fr.	Euclid, OH
56 Ferrell, Colin	DL	6'1"	290	Fr.	Hamilton, NJ
97 Latimer, Justin	DT	6'2"	230	Fr.	Apopka, FL
90 Malloy, Mark	DT	6'3"	260	Fr.	Rankin, PA
51 Muir, Daniel	DE	6'2"	255	Jr.	Lanham, MD
94 Rodriguez, Tomas	DL	6'2"	245	Jr.	Orange, OH
26 Wesley, Nate	DE	6'3"	280	Jr.	Fayetteville, GA

Linebackers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
35 Crivella, Joe	LB	6'1"	240	So.	Arlington, VA
48 Eggleston, Jonathan	ILB	6'2"	195	So.	Lawrenceville, GA
27 King, Antonio	OLB	6'1"	215	Sr.	Burlington, NC
5 Lundy, Najee	ILB	6'1"	215	Sr.	Willingboro, NJ
59 Mahl, Eric	ILB	6'2"	245	Sr.	Monroeville, OH
43 Murphy, Justin	LB	6'3"	220	So.	Minerva, OH
8 Parrish, Justin	OLB	6'2"	240	Jr.	Landover Hills, MD
46 Rice, Bruce	OLB	6'1"	250	So.	Columbus, OH
32 Robinson, Marcus	LB	6'2"	250	Jr.	Westlake, OH
49 Sessler, Jon	ILB	6'2"	240	Jr.	Castalia, OH
29 Stolorski, Damian	OLB	6'2"	235	Sr.	Eastlake, OH

Defensive Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
4 Ashley, Andre	FS	5'9"	195	Sr.	Columbus, OH
25 Davis, Cedric	DB	5'9"	195	Jr.	South Euclid, OH
20 Davis, Shannon	FS	6'0"	195	Sr.	Sumter, SC
24 Drakeford, Barry	CB	5'10"	185	Jr.	Virginia Beach, VA
6 Elam, Abram	SS	6'0"	200	Sr.	Riviera Beach, FL
23 Ham, Gary	DB	5'9"	190	So.	Staten Island, NY
10 Harris, Taros	DB	5'9"	185	Fr.	Chesapeake Bch., MD
12 Patrick, Vashawn	SS	5'11"	200	Sr.	Aliquippa, PA
21 Pierce, Darrell	CB	5'8"	165	Fr.	Newport News, VA
2 Williams, Jack	CB	5'9"	170	Fr.	Norfolk, VA
18 Young, Usama	CB	5'11"	185	So.	Largo, MD

Specialists	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
15 Bechtel, Nathan	LS	6'3"	235	Fr.	Middletown, OH
39 Brazen, Joshua	P	5'11"	185	Jr.	Ada, OH
31 Davidson, Brad	LS	6'1"	205	Sr.	Euclid, OH
76 English, Jon	LS	6'3"	295	So.	Ashland, OH
17 Mayle, Travis	K	6'0"	180	Jr.	Ravenna, OH

## Projected Depth Chart

Offense (7)				
FL	37	Derrick Bush (Jr.)	87	Najah Pruden (So.)
SE	81	Darrell Dowery Jr. (Sr.)	80	Brian Bell (So.)
LT	72	Jason Andrews (Sr.)	58	Nathaniel Manning (So.)
LG	63	Chad Bandiera (Sr.)	66	Travis McGraw (Fr.)
C	50	Bill Starry (Fr.)	71	Craig Rafdal (So.)
RG	71	Craig Rafdal (So.)	62	Kiff Kinkead (Fr.)
RT	78	Daniel Carter (Jr.)	65	Joe Marafine (Fr.)
TE	13	Luke Tillman (So.)	36	Charles Newton (Sr.)
QB	9	Joshua Cribbs (Sr.)	2	Antwan Smith (So.)
HB	22	Jon Drager (So.)	83	Marcus Hill (So.)
TB	1	David Alston (Sr.)	34	Rasheed McClaude (Fr.)

Defense (9)				
DE	51	Daniel Muir (Jr.)	26	Nate Wesley (Jr.)
NT	55	Roger Attieh (Jr.)	91	Larry Brown (So.)
DT	56	Colin Ferrell (Fr.)	90	Mark Malloy (Fr.)
OLB	46	Bruce Rice (So.)	8	Justin Parrish (Jr.)
ILB	48	Jonathan Eggleston (So.)	5	Najee Lundy (Sr.)
ILB	59	Eric Mahl (Sr.)	49	Jon Sessler (Jr.)
OLB	29	Damian Stolorski (Sr.)	27	Antonio King (Sr.)
CB	24	Barry Drakeford (Jr.)	2	Jack Williams (Fr.)
CB	18	Usama Young (So.)	21	Darrell Pierce (Fr.)
SS	12	Vashawn Patrick (Sr.)	6	Abram Elam (Sr.)
FS	4	Andre Ashley (Sr.)	20	Shannon Davis (Sr.)

Specialists					
P	39	Joshua Brazen (Jr.)	PR	22	Jon Drager (So.)
K	17	Travis Mayle (Jr.)	KR	27	Antonio King (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters  
**BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 Signees

Joey Barcus	WR	6'0"	165	Decatur, GA	Prishod Koonce	DL	6'4"	265	Chester, PA
Derek Burrell	LB	6'2"	225	Richmond, VA	Cedrick Maxwell	LB	5'11"	215	Tampa, FL
Dan Coleman	OL	6'8"	280	Canfield, OH	Travis McGraw	OL	6'6"	315	Silver Spring, MD
Shawn Donaldson	OL	6'5"	270	Dover, OH	Phil McNeal	DL	6'0"	300	Warren, OH
David Filippi	LB	6'3"	215	Dover, OH	Dalton Memel	DL	6'4"	295	Washington, WV
Guy Hurt	LB	6'1"	220	McKeesport, PA	Matthew Muller	LS	6'3"	245	Sylvania, OH
Fritz Jacques	DB	6'0"	180	Naples, FL	Joshua Pastore	RB	5'11"	210	Salineville, OH
Linwood Jenkins	WR	6'2"	185	Newport News, VA					

Dean Pees got the recruiting class signed and then left for the NFL. The Flashes inked eight defensive players in a 15-man class, which included a long snapper. In Pees' six seasons, Kent had better luck recruiting the East Coast rather than Ohio. The marquee player in this class is 6'0", 180-pound defensive back Fritz Jacques, out of Naples, Fla. A late bloomer, Jacques was called "the hardest hitter in southwest Florida" by his coach Chris Metzger. He's been clocked at 4.53 in the 40 and made a name for himself at the University of Miami's football camp.

Guy Hurt, from McKeesport, Pa., and another Floridian, Cedrick Maxwell, are two of the four linebackers in the class ready to replenish the ranks.

Kent State landed two prospects from Dover High School, south of Canton, Ohio — offensive lineman Shawn Donaldson (6'5", 270) and linebacker David Filippi (6'3", 215). Defensive tackle Dalton Memel, a 295-pounder from West Virginia, could be the run stopper KSU needs.

## 2003 Results — 5-7 (4-4 MAC)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 28	at Akron	W	41-38
S. 6	at Pittsburgh	L	3-43
S. 13	Youngstown State	W	16-13
S. 20	at Penn State	L	10-32
S. 27	UCF	W	36-16
O. 4	Ball State	L	17-34
O. 11	at Marshall	L	33-49
O. 18	Connecticut (ot)	L	31-34
O. 25	Miami (OH)	L	30-38
N. 8	at Ohio	W	37-33
N. 15	at Bowling Green	L	33-42
N. 22	Buffalo	W	34-24

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Joshua Cribbs, 364-178-2,424-9, 14 TDs  
**Rushing:** Joshua Cribbs, 161 car., 701 yds., 14 TDs  
**Receiving:** Darrell Dowery Jr., 41 rec., 783 yds., 4 TDs  
**Scoring:** Joshua Cribbs, 15 TDs, 90 points  
**Punting:** Joshua Brazen, 66 punts, 40.4 avg.  
**Kicking:** Travis Mayle, 16-24 FGs, 33-35 XPs, 81 points  
**Tackles:** Eric Mahl, 126, 55 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Eric Mahl, 9.5 for 19 yds.  
**Sacks:** Delvin Barker, 3  
**Interceptions:** 3 players with 2 INTs  
**Kickoff returns:** Antonio King, 25 ret., 21.4 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Jon Drager, 20 ret., 7.2 avg.



**M**arshall coach Bobby Pruett expects his team to be much faster this season. "We don't have all that hardware to weigh us down," Pruett deadpans, referring to championship rings and trophies.

For the first time since joining the Mid-American Conference in 1997, the Thundering Herd is coming off a season in which it didn't win at least a division title. Marshall figures to build on last year's 8-4 record, however, and contend again as it enters its final season in the MAC before bolting for Conference USA.

"We have a strong group returning," Pruett says. "We have a chance to be a very good football team."

The schedule is rugged, with non-conference games at Ohio State and Georgia.

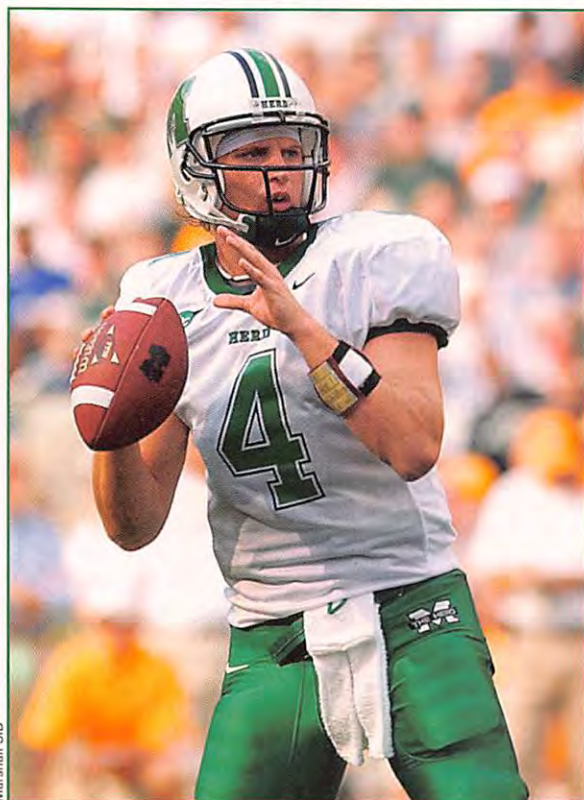
### Quarterbacks

A huge reason for optimism is the return of senior quarterback Stan Hill, who starred through six games last season before a torn knee ligament ended his season. Hill completed 133-of-191 passes for 1,767 yards and 15 touchdowns, with seven interceptions, before going down. His 165.93 passer rating would have ranked second in the nation had he played enough to qualify.

Hill is capably backed by senior Graham Gochneaur, who helped Marshall to victories in six of its last seven games.

### Running Backs

Senior Earl Charles rushed for 1,039 yards and 12 touchdowns a year ago and might be the best running back in the league. A sound receiver who combines power and speed, Charles helped Marshall lead the league in rushing a year ago. Depth is a concern, with sophomore Tank Tunstalle and freshman Marcus Fitzgerald, the brother of Heisman Trophy finalist Larry Fitzgerald, backing up Charles.



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Stan Hill

### Receivers

Senior Josh Davis is one of the nation's top returning receivers. "Josh is a special player," Pruett says of Davis, who caught 66 passes for 823 yards and six touchdowns in 2003. "He has size, hands and speed. He's everything you'd want, but we need to find some people to complement him."

Behind Davis, Marshall's receiving corps is thinner than usual. Junior college transfer Mandell Smith will compete with sophomore Hiram Moore, seniors Brad Bates and Tremel Guillory and juniors Nate Manns and Wilbur Hargrove for playing time. Hargrove is intriguing because of his sub-4.4 speed.

### Offensive Linemen

Just two starters return. Nate Griffin, an NFL prospect, moves from right tackle to left tackle. Toby Bullock, a junior, is back and has moved to right guard. Zac Elcess, a transfer from Miami (Ohio), takes over at center. Redshirt freshman John Inman is at left guard and sophomore Seth Cook is the right tackle.

### NUMBERS GAME

**20** Marshall has posted 20 consecutive winning seasons. The streak began in 1984 and follows a string of 19 consecutive non-winning seasons.

"We have to work hard to get them ready," offensive line coach and offensive coordinator Mark McHale says. "We have a lot of work to do."

### Defensive Linemen

Senior ends Jonathan Goddard and Jamus Martin head a strong, talented defense that features quickness. Goddard is a playmaker who returned two fumbles for touchdowns last year, had 20.5 tackles for a loss and 6.5 sacks. Martin (80 tackles, 6.5 sacks) is a force. Defensive tackle Reggie Hayes (5.5 sacks) is quick. Jammal Whyce and Roger Garrett battle for the nose tackle job. Depth, particularly at end, is experienced. Junior Damarcus Thomas is a promising run stopper.

### Linebackers

A trio of speedy seniors — Kevin Atkins (100 tackles) and J.T. Rembert inside and Dionte Wilson outside — are strong against the run. Junior Dennis Thornton adds speed.

### Defensive Backs

Plenty of experience returns, but Pruett is requiring more of his DBs this season, particularly in the area of turnovers. Marshall ranked 114th nationally in turnover margin in 2003, and no returning starter in the secondary had more than one interception. "We need to create more turnovers," Pruett says. "We need some people to step up."

Senior Roberto Terrell and junior Willie Smith are capable cover corners. Safety is a concern. Senior Moriah Anderson is back but hasn't lived up to his potential. Anderson is at free safety with sophomore Curtis Keyes at strong safety.

### Specialists

Marshall's kicking game seeks improvement. Punter Klint Rose averaged 38.5 yards on 22 punts. Placekicker Nick Kelly has limited range and will be challenged by Ian O'Connor.



**Head Coach: Bob Pruett • Record at School: 88-17 (8 years) • Career Record: 88-17 (8 years)**  
**Offensive Coordinator: Mark McHale • Defensive Coordinator: Bill Wilt • Huntington, W.V. • Joan C. Edwards Stadium (38,019)**

## 2004 Marshall Roster

## Projected Depth Chart

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
10 Bessolo, Tim	QB	6'3"	215	Fr.	Lakewood, CA
17 Black, Adam	QB	6'6"	219	So.	Knox, PA
11 Gochneaur, Graham	QB	6'4"	218	Sr.	Highland Village, TX
4 Hill, Stan	QB	6'3"	210	Sr.	Tupelo, MS
14 Morris, Bernard	QB	6'4"	197	Fr.	Orlando, FL
16 Skinner, Jimmy	QB	6'3"	175	So.	Chillicothe, OH

Running Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
48 Albin, Will	RB	6'3"	225	Fr.	Princeton, WV
23 Cabarrus, Antoine	RB	6'0"	200	Fr.	Huntington, WV
34 Charles, Earl	RB	6'1"	215	Sr.	Brooklyn, NY
25 Johnson, James	RB	6'2"	225	So.	Washington, DC
15 Jones, Paco	RB	5'9"	175	So.	Bluefield, WV
39 Newsome, Donté	RB	5'11"	205	Jr.	Chesapeake, VA
43 Tunstalle, Tank	RB	6'1"	218	So.	New Richmond, WV
37 West, Michael	RB	5'9"	197	So.	Louisia, KY

Receivers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
83 Bates, Brad	WR	5'11"	171	Sr.	Chillicothe, OH
20 Collins, Hakeem	WR	5'10"	150	So.	Wilmington, DE
82 Davis, Josh	WR	6'1"	185	Sr.	Hickory Grove, SC
86 Deifel, Joe	TE	6'3"	231	Sr.	Lexington, KY
8 Echols, Kyle	WR	5'10"	183	Fr.	Galloway, OH
80 Guillory, Tremel	WR	5'10"	185	Sr.	Topeka, KS
22 Hargrove, Wilbur	WR	5'10"	172	Jr.	Boyton, VA
45 Johnson, Uranius	WR	6'0"	174	So.	Brandywine, MD
84 Lauzon, Shawn	WR	6'6"	195	Fr.	Virginia Beach, VA
6 Manns, Nate	WR	6'3"	222	Jr.	Beckley, WV
7 Moore, Hiram	WR	6'0"	185	So.	Huntington, WV
89 Morris, Matt	TE	6'3"	216	So.	Beckley, WV
85 Mullins, Jeff	TE	6'3"	253	Jr.	Gallipolis, OH
99 Nolan, Mike	TE	6'4"	220	Fr.	Swiftwater, PA
40 Ross, Emanuel	WR	6'0"	185	Sr.	Annandale, VA
13 Shope, Brian	TE	6'5"	225	Fr.	Portage, PA
81 Stanfield, Clarence	WR	6'1"	190	Sr.	North Highlands, CA
18 Stevens, Renard	WR	6'3"	197	Fr.	Washington, DC
30 Taylor, Rusty	WR	5'7"	168	Fr.	Charleston, WV
19 Troutman, Michael	WR	6'1"	185	Fr.	Greensboro, NC

Offensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
72 Baynes, Ryan	G	6'2"	324	Jr.	Augusta, GA
56 Bullock, Toby	G	6'4"	335	Jr.	Jacksonville, FL
73 Cook, Seth	T	6'4"	298	So.	Gilbert, WV
55 Elcess, Zac	C	6'5"	285	Jr.	Centerville, OH
60 Griffin, Nate	T	6'5"	334	Sr.	Newport News, VA
75 Howard, Nate	C	6'4"	275	Fr.	Huntington, WV
63 Inman, John	G	6'5"	310	Fr.	Knoxville, TN
62 Nolan, Ryan	OL	6'4"	315	So.	Dublin, OH
79 Saito, Jesse	G	6'2"	299	Sr.	Freemont, CA
94 White, Maurice	T	6'2"	260	Fr.	Columbus, OH
74 Ziegler, David	T	6'5"	280	Fr.	Pomfret, MD

Defensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
46 Clark, Kingsley	DE	6'4"	227	Sr.	Orlando, FL
84 Davis, Adrian	DT	6'3"	249	So.	Greenfield Park, PQ
95 Garrett, Roger	NT	6'1"	265	So.	Moultrie, GA
50 Goddard, Jonathan	DE	6'0"	246	Sr.	Jacksonville, FL
91 Greer, Shavar	DE	6'0"	232	Sr.	Beckley, WV
35 Hairston, Marcus	DE	6'3"	236	Sr.	Martinsville, VA
98 Hayes, Reggie	DT	6'3"	288	Sr.	Wilmington, NC
54 Herscher, Gavin	DE	6'2"	234	Fr.	St. Albans, WV
88 Kelly, Colin	DE	6'3"	205	Fr.	Williamsburg, VA
76 Kiskis, Nathan	DE	6'3"	214	So.	Crown City, OH
99 Martin, Jamus	DE	6'2"	224	Sr.	Martinsville, VA
38 Thomas, Damarcus	DE	6'1"	241	Jr.	Lithonia, GA
87 Tinker, Byron	DE	6'4"	235	Fr.	Louisville, KY
96 Whyne, Jamaal	NT	6'2"	280	Sr.	Miami, FL
64 Wynn, Jamil	DL	6'1"	245	Sr.	Dudley, NC

Linebackers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
5 Atkins, Kevin	MLB	6'3"	245	Sr.	Richmond, VA
59 Bailey, David	LB	5'9"	230	Fr.	Huntington, WV
57 Belcher, David	LB	6'2"	220	So.	Roanoke, VA
47 Couch, Matt	MLB	6'2"	234	So.	Okeana, OH
49 Harris, Peyton	LB	6'2"	220	So.	Oakton, VA
43 Lee, Adam	LB	6'1"	220	Jr.	Romney, WV
53 McNeely, Ashley	LB	6'1"	224	Jr.	Mullens, WV
44 Morgan, Carlos	OLB	5'10"	237	Jr.	Locust Grove, GA
17 Morrison, Garrett	LB	6'0"	194	Sr.	Lavallette, WV
15 Noel, Travis	LB	6'2"	215	Fr.	Etoicoke, ON
42 Ofiesh, Dimitri	LB	5'10"	202	So.	Falls Church, VA
32 Rembert, J.T.	LB	6'1"	235	Sr.	Columbia, MD
30 Thornton, Dennis	ILB	5'11"	205	Jr.	Spotsylvania, VA
12 Wilks, Scott	ILB	6'2"	189	Jr.	Marvynville, TN
33 Wilson, Dioneé	OLB	6'2"	221	Sr.	Largo, MD

Defensive Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
3 Anderson, Moriah	S	6'2"	188	Sr.	Fort Washington, MD
10 Brown, James	DB	5'11"	190	Jr.	Taunton, MA
31 Chisholm, Craig	DB	5'10"	185	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
9 Clark, Ivan	DB	5'9"	180	Fr.	Ford, VA
48 Frazie, Jeremy	DB	5'10"	185	So.	Minford, OH
25 Keyes, Curtis	S	6'0"	187	So.	Mt. Olive, MS
58 Mannella, Gabriel	DB	5'10"	190	Fr.	Dublin, OH
36 McCowan, Lonnie	S	6'0"	195	Jr.	Camarillo, CA
19 Rodamer, Jeremy	DB	6'0"	190	So.	Morgantown, WV
29 Romanello, Wes	DB	6'0"	182	Fr.	Lucasville, OH
26 Royal, Chris	S	5'9"	176	Jr.	Herdon, VA
23 Sanders, Jamall	DB	5'10"	190	So.	Pahokee, FL
2 Smith, Willie	CB	6'0"	194	Jr.	Palm Beach Gardens, FL
2 Terrell, Roberto	CB	5'8"	175	Sr.	Dunnellon, FL
14 Thomas, Terick	DB	5'10"	165	Fr.	Washington, DC
20 Tyson, Jimmy	DB	5'7"	175	Sr.	Conway, SC
24 Whitehead, Derrick	DB	6'1"	190	Jr.	Brooklyn, NY
28 Williams, Renaldo	CB	5'9"	184	Sr.	Jupiter, FL

Specialists	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
41 Kelly, Nick	K	6'0"	215	Jr.	Chesapeake, VA
49 O'Connor, Ian	K	6'2"	185	So.	Knoxville, TN
97 Riffey, Brett	LS	6'1"	195	Sr.	Vincennes, OH
42 Rose, Clint	P	6'2"	206	So.	Lexington, KY

Offense (6)					
WR	82	Josh Davis (Sr.)	22	Wilbur Hargrove (Jr.)	
WR	80	Tremel Guillory (Sr.)		Mandell Smith (Jr.)	
WR	7	Hiram Moore (So.)	83	Brad Bates (Sr.)	
LT	60	Nate Griffin (Sr.)	94	Maurice White (Fr.)	
LG	63	John Inman (Fr.)	79	Jesse Saito (Sr.)	
C	55	Zac Elcess (Jr.)	75	Nate Howard (Fr.)	
RG	56	Toby Bullock (Jr.)	72	Ryan Baynes (Jr.)	
RT	73	Seth Cook (So.)	74	David Ziegler (Fr.)	
TE	85	Jeff Mullins (Jr.)	86	Joe Deifel (Sr.)	
QB	4	Stan Hill (Sr.)	11	Graham Gochneaur (Sr.)	
RB	34	Earl Charles (Sr.)	43	Tank Tunstalle (So.)	

Defense (9)				
DE	50	Jonathan Goddard (Sr.)	38	Damarcus Thomas (Jr.)
DT	98	Reggie Hayes (Sr.)	84	Adrian Davis (So.)
NT	96	Jammal Whyce (Sr.)	95	Roger Garrett (So.)
DE	99	Jamus Martin (Sr.)	35	Marcus Hairston (Sr.)
ILB	32	J.T. Rembert (Sr.)	30	Dennis Thornton (Jr.)
MLB	5	Kevin Atkins (Sr.)	47	Matt Couch (So.)
OLB	33	Dionte Wilson (Sr.)	44	Carlos Morgan (Jr.)
CB	27	Willie Smith (Jr.)	28	Renaldo Williams (Sr.)
CB	2	Roberto Terrell (Sr.)	28	Renaldo Williams (Sr.)
SS	25	Curtis Keyes (So.)	36	Lonnie McCowan (Jr.)
FS	3	Moriah Anderson (Sr.)	26	Chris Royal (Jr.)

Special Teams					
K	41	Nick Kelly (Jr.)	KR	34	Earl Charles (Sr.)
P	42	Klint Rose (So.)	PR	80	Tremel Guillory (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters  
**BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 Signees

Joe Bragg	TE	6'5"	250	Morgantown, WV	Antonio Leath	RB	5'8"	165	Burlington, NC
Jeff Bush	DL	6'4"	230	Fayetteville, NC	Doug Legursky	OL	6'2"	310	Beckley, WV
Bilal El-Amin	DL	6'4"	235	Lexington, KY	Deondrea Lindsey	RB	5'11"	190	St. Petersburg, FL
Jermaine Filer	WR	6'4"	210	Clearwater, FL	Blake Merritt	DL	6'4"	265	Wendell, NC
Marcus Fitzgerald	RB	5'11"	195	Minneapolis, MN	John Moraveck	DB	6'0"	180	Frederick, MD
Phillip Gamble	RB	6'1"	190	Bainbridge, GA	Matthew Parkhurst	TE	6'4"	245	Philadelphia, PA
Demone Goins	QB	6'3"	210	Lumberton, MS	Mandell Smith	WR	6'4"	200	Century, FL
Ian Hoskins	DB	6'3"	185	Campbellsville, KY	Emmanuel Spann	WR	5'11"	170	Atlanta, GA
James Houston	DB	6'2"	190	Booneville, NC	Sam Walker	DB	6'0"	185	Jacksonville, FL
Jason Kaminski	LB	6'3"	230	Woodbridge, VA	Floyd Wright	DL	6'0"	270	Hayfield, VA
Maurice Kitchens	LB	6'3"	220	Roanoke, VA					

A trio of wide receivers has a chance to make an immediate impact. Mandell Smith of Holmes Community College runs 40 yards in 4.4 seconds and visited Florida and LSU out of high school. Emanuel Spann also could contribute immediately. Spann picked Marshall after originally committing to Wisconsin. Jermaine Filer (6'4", 210) is big and fast.

Running back/receiver Marcus Fitzgerald is the brother of former Pittsburgh star Larry Fitzgerald. Speedy Defensive end Bilal El-Amin is picked Marshall over Michigan State and Purdue, among others. Antonio Leath is the fastest player in a class filled with speed, having been clocked at 4.3 seconds in the 40-yard dash. Leath is the North Carolina 100-meter champion.

Marshall won two in-state recruiting battles with West Virginia, landing tight end Joe Bragg and state lineman of the year Doug Legursky.

## 2003 Results — 8-4 (6-2 MAC)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 30	Hofstra	W	45-21
S. 6	at Tennessee	L	24-34
S. 12	Toledo	L	17-24
S. 20	at Kansas State	W	27-20
S. 27	at Troy State	L	24-33
O. 11	Kent State	W	49-33
O. 18	at Buffalo	W	26-16
O. 25	at Western Michigan	W	41-21
N. 1	Akron	W	42-24
N. 12	at Miami (OH)	L	6-45
N. 19	at UCF	W	21-7
N. 28	Ohio	W	28-0

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Stan Hill, 191-133-1,767-7, 15 TDs  
**Rushing:** Earl Charles, 205 car., 1,039 yds., 12 TDs  
**Receiving:** Josh Davis, 66 rec., 823 yds., 6 TDs  
**Scoring:** Earl Charles, 12 TDs, 72 points  
**Punting:** Klint Rose, 22 punts, 38.5 avg.  
**Kicking:** Nick Kelly, 4-7 FGs, 0-0 XPs, 12 points  
**Tackles:** Kevin Atkins, 100, 69 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Jonathan Goddard, 20.5 for 67 yds.  
**Sacks:** Jonathan Goddard, Jamus Martin, 6.5  
**Interceptions:** 3 players with 1 INT  
**Kickoff returns:** Earl Charles, 13 ret., 23.2 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Tremel Guillory, 30 ret., 6.5 avg.





**T**he departure of record-setting quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who was an early entrant into the NFL Draft, is the obvious storyline regarding Miami football. But the program must also deal with the loss of defensive coordinator Pat Narduzzi, who was hired away by Cincinnati after installing a simplified system that transformed the RedHawks into one of the finest defenses in the Mid-American Conference.

Brian George and Joe Palcic, the new co-coordinators, will have nine defensive starters back, and this veteran unit will have a huge early season test when Miami travels to Michigan.

### Quarterbacks

The RedHawks' frequent blowout wins allowed reserve quarterback Josh Betts the opportunity to play in nine games as a sophomore. He completed 19-of-36 attempts for 263 yards and one touchdown. Despite this experience, Betts is not a lock to take over at quarterback, though he did take the majority of the spring snaps with the first team. Redshirt freshman Mike Kokal enjoyed a solid spring and will enter preseason camp with a legitimate opportunity to win the job.

### Running Backs

Senior Mike Smith led the MAC with 18 touchdowns (17 rushing, one receiving) despite splitting time with departed senior Cal Murray. Smith, who netted 802 yards on 175 carries last fall, should become the RedHawks' primary ballcarrier. Fellow senior Adam Ciborowski didn't see much playing time but averaged 4.8 yards on 49 carries.

### Receivers

Miami's new quarterback can count on plenty of experience and speed in his receiving corps. Martin Nance shattered the

RedHawks' single-season reception-yardage record by catching 90 passes for 1,498 yards last season. Nance and senior Mike Larkin give Miami a devastating 1-2 punch. Sophomores Ryan Busing, Ryne Robinson and R.J. Corbin give the RedHawks a few more weapons in their wide-open passing attack. Senior Korey Kirkpatrick earned an extra year of eligibility after suffering a season-ending injury in the second game last fall.

### NUMBERS GAME

**13** Miami ended the 2003 season with a 13-game winning streak. The RedHawks own the longest current winning streak among Division I-A teams.

### Offensive Linemen

Departed seniors Jacob Bell, Ben Herrell and Frank Smith combined to make more than 100 starts over the past three seasons. Helping plug that experience gap is junior center Todd Londot, who's started 22 games over the past two seasons, and classmates Mark Kracium and Nate Bunce, who shared time at right tackle last season. Both players will start this year, with Bunce moving to guard.

### Defensive Linemen

Fifth-year senior Will Rueff returns for his second full season as a starter at tackle. His experience will help make up for the loss of Phil Smith, a three-year starter at end. Fifth-year senior Larry Burt and junior John Glavin shared the starts at tackle next to Rueff last season, but both were injured during spring drills. Sophomore Tranaine Sills and junior Jarrod Rich move up from backup roles to the starting jobs at the ends.

### Linebackers

Junior outside linebacker Terna Nande, dubbed "The Nigerian Nightmare" by Miami coach Terry Hoepfner, leads an aggressive group of linebackers. Nande had four interceptions and 5.5 sacks last season. John Busing, a returning starter at the other outside spot, is just as aggressive. His spring injury opened the door for sophomore Justin Davis, at 6'5" the tallest of the RedHawk backers. Junior Derek Rehage picked up some valuable experience filling in at middle linebacker last season.

### Defensive Backs

Senior strong safety Matt Pusateri has lead Miami in tackles each of the last two seasons. He is the anchor of a secondary that returns all of last year's starters. Junior Steve Burke proved himself to be a dependable free safety in his first year as a starter. Senior cornerback Alphonso Hodge finally lived up to his potential and should be even better. The other cornerback, Darrell Hunter, has logged Miami's fastest 40-yard dash time (4.29) since the program started keeping records back in the 1970s.

### Specialists

Jared Parseghian returns for his third season as the regular kicker. Todd Soderquist handles kickoffs and longer field goal attempts. Both will have to break in a new long snapper and holder. Mike Wafzig is back for his fourth season as the RedHawks' punter.

Robinson led the MAC with an average of 17.2 yards per punt return and three touchdowns.



Miami (Ohio) SID

Martin Nance



**Head Coach: Terry Hoepfner • Record at School: 40-20 (5 years) • Career Record: 40-20 (5 years)**  
**Offensive Coordinator: Shane Montgomery • Defensive Coordinators: Brian George, Joe Palcic • Oxford, Ohio • Yager Stadium (30,012)**

## 2004 Miami Roster

Quarterbacks						
8	Betts, Josh	QB	6'3"	225	Jr.	Vandalia, OH
	Davis, Patrick	QB	6'2"	185	So.	Mishawaka, IN
18	Kokal, Mike	QB	6'1"	191	Fr.	Warren, OH
Running Backs						
23	Ciborowski, Adam	RB	6'0"	223	Sr.	Brookfield, WI
11	Clemens, Luke	RB	5'10"	213	Sr.	Dayton, OH
31	Jones, Cory	RB	5'10"	175	So.	Ocean Springs, MS
22	Lannaman, Akim	RB	6'2"	217	So.	Lake Park, FL
24	Murphy, Brandon	RB	5'8"	180	So.	Strongsville, OH
36	Murray, Jimmy	RB	6'2"	216	So.	Louisville, KY
25	Smith, Mike	RB	6'0"	205	Sr.	Twinsburg, OH
Receivers						
13	Busing, Ryan	WR	6'3"	200	So.	Alpharetta, GA
82	Corbin, R.J.	WR	5'11"	201	So.	Indianapolis, IN
81	Dunn, Andrew	WR	5'11"	186	So.	Gahanna, OH
83	Horace, Danny	TE	6-6"	242	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
88	Kirkpatrick, Corey	WR	6'1"	200	Sr.	Aurora, IN
6	Larkin, Mike	WR	5'8"	163	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
15	Nance, Martin	WR	6'5"	210	Jr.	Maryland Heights, MO
34	Nande, Terese	WR/DB	6'2"	215	So.	Grand Rapids, MI
81	O'Bryan, Patrick	WR	6'1"	185	So.	Beavercreek, OH
17	Paige, Darren	WR/DB	6'1"	185	So.	Rosford, OH
37	Reich, Jason	WR	5'11"	190	So.	Cleveland, OH
2	Robinson, Ryne	WR	5'10"	165	So.	Toledo, OH
27	Tate, Marcus	WR	5'10"	141	So.	Canton, GA
89	Tyler, Dan	TE	6'4"	244	Jr.	Cleveland, OH
84	Vogel, Tyler	TE	6'3"	251	Jr.	Coldwater, OH
4	Williams, Josh	WR	6'1"	220	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
Offensive Linemen						
67	Beneker, Allen	OL	6'5"	279	So.	Brookville, IN
79	Bunce, Nate	G	6'6"	321	Jr.	Hamilton, OH
77	Fessel, Chris	T	6'5"	275	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
68	Kosky, Steve	C	6'4"	270	So.	Cincinnati, OH
75	Kracium, Mark	T	6'5"	295	Jr.	New Carlisle, OH
62	Londot, Todd	C	6'7"	300	Jr.	Utica, OH
72	Meister, Steve	G	6'3"	286	Fr.	Allison Park, PA
70	Meyer, Ryan	T	6'5"	278	Jr.	Hubbard, OH
76	Norden, Charlie	T	6'5"	304	Fr.	Dublin, OH
61	Rehker, Dave	G	6'5"	275	Sr.	Avon Lake, OH
73	Walters, Pete	G	6'5"	315	Fr.	Columbus, OH
Defensive Linemen						
97	Barz, Mike	DE	6'4"	264	Jr.	Lisle, IL
55	Bender, Lamont	DL	6'0"	230	So.	Detroit, MI
45	Bennett, Jerome	DE	6'2"	246	Fr.	Southfield, MI
97	Bilokosky, Bob	DE	6'3"	220	So.	Strongsville, OH
64	Brink, Josh	DL	6'5"	230	So.	Oxford, OH
91	Burt, Larry	DT	6'4"	299	Sr.	Warrensville Heights, OH
98	Cohen, Matt	DL	6'2"	226	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
94	Compton, Craig	DL	6'4"	245	So.	Cincinnati, OH
65	Glavin, John	DT	5'11"	260	Jr.	Solon, OH
63	Gray, Frank	DL	5'11"	274	So.	Huntley, IL
93	Johnson, Marcus	DL	6'3"	261	Jr.	Youngstown, OH
69	Linwood, Otto	DL	6'1"	313	So.	Frankfort, IL
58	Mester, Craig	DE	6'5"	233	Fr.	Grand Rapids, MI
92	Painter, Seth	DE	6'2"	237	So.	Sandusky, OH
44	Rich, Jarrod	DE	6'3"	257	Jr.	Waynesville, OH
52	Rueff, Will	DT	6'4"	276	Sr.	Louisville, KY
95	Sills, Tranaime	DE	6'1"	220	So.	Miramar, FL
Linebackers						
57	Brittain, Ryan	LB	6'3"	234	So.	Bloomfield Hills, MI
12	Busing, John	OLB	6'3"	219	Jr.	Alpharetta, GA
96	Cornelius, Matt	LB	6'1"	230	So.	Northville, MI
86	Davis, Justin	OLB	6'5"	229	Fr.	Plain City, OH
46	Hutzelman, David	MLB	6'1"	225	Jr.	West Chester, OH
56	Manning, Nic	LB	6'2"	226	So.	Kettering, OH
43	Mullins, Clayton	LB	6'2"	206	Fr.	Fairborn, OH
32	Nande, Terna	OLB	6'1"	230	Jr.	Grand Rapids, MI
49	Rehage, Danny	LB	6'2"	229	So.	Brookville, IN
38	Rehage, Derek	MLB	6'2"	235	Jr.	Brookville, IN
30	Tyson, Bryan	OLB	6'1"	206	Jr.	Milan, IL
51	Vogele, Matt	LB	6'3"	241	So.	North Bend, OH
37	Wright, Dontae	LB	6'3"	206	So.	Louis, KY
Defensive Backs						
24	Adams, Jimmy	DB	5'10"	190	Jr.	Vandalia, OH
36	Burke, Steve	FS	6'0"	188	Jr.	Spring, TX
23	Card, Joey	FS	6'1"	196	So.	Canton, OH
33	Gaines, Jerrod	DB	5'11"	187	So.	Springfield, OH
9	Hodge, Alphonso	CB	5'11"	205	Sr.	Cleveland, OH
28	Hunter, Darrell	CB	6'1"	206	Jr.	Middletown, OH
20	Monroe, Van	SS	6'3"	205	Sr.	Euclid, OH
19	Pusateri, Matt	SS	6'0"	210	Sr.	Dublin, OH
21	Redd, Ryan	CB	5'10"	182	Jr.	Pickerington, OH
3	Schroeder, Jeff	DB	5'11"	186	So.	Cincinnati, OH
5	Wiwo, Frank	CB	6'3"	170	So.	Miami, FL
Specialists						
59	McLain, Dave	LS	6'2"	226	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
26	Parseghian, Jared	K	5'10"	195	Sr.	Sylvania, OH
35	Soderquist, Todd	K	6'2"	201	Jr.	College Grove, TN
16	Wafzig, Mike	P	6'4"	242	Sr.	Germantown, OH

## Projected Depth Chart

Offense (10)					
WR	15	Martin Nance (Jr.)	88	Korey Kirkpatrick (Sr.)	
WR	82	R.J. Corbin (So.)	13	Ryan Busing (So.)	
WR	6	Mike Larkin (Sr.)	2	Ryne Robinson (So.)	
LT	75	Mark Kracium (Jr.)	77	Chris Fessel (Jr.)	
LG	61	Dave Rehker (Sr.)	72	Steve Meister (Fr.)	
C	62	Todd Londot (Jr.)	68	Steve Kosky (So.)	
RG	79	Nate Bunce (Jr.)	73	Pete Walters (Fr.)	
RT	76	Charles Norden (Fr.)	70	Ryan Meyer (Jr.)	
TE	89	Dan Tyler (Jr.)	84	Tyler Vogel (Jr.)	
QB	8	Josh Betts (Jr.)	18	Mike Kokal (Fr.)	
TB	25	Mike Smith (Sr.)	23	Adam Ciborowski (Sr.)	
Defense (9)					
DE	95	Tranaine Sills (So.)	58	Craig Mester (Fr.)	
DT	52	Will Rueff (Sr.)	65	John Glavin (Jr.)	
DT	91	Larry Burt (Sr.)	52	Will Rueff (Sr.)	
DE	44	Jarrod Rich (Jr.)	45	Jerome Bennett (Fr.)	
OLB	12	John Busing (Jr.)	86	Justin Davis (Fr.)	
MLB	38	Derek Rehage (Jr.)	46	David Hutzelman (Jr.)	
OLB	32	Terna Nande (Jr.)	30	Bryan Tyson (Jr.)	
CB	28	Darrell Hunter (Jr.)	5	Frank Wiwo (So.)	
CB	9	Alphonso Hodge (Sr.)	21	Ryan Redd (Jr.)	
SS	19	Matt Pusateri (Sr.)	20	Van Monroe (Jr.)	
FS	36	Steve Burke (Jr.)	23	Joey Card (So.)	

(#) indicates number of returning starters  
**BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 Signees

Brandon Armstrong	OL	6'7"	255	Englewood, OH	Sean McVay	DB	5'10"	170	Marietta, GA
Jimmy Calhoun	RB	6'0"	200	Middletown, OH	Clayton Mullins	LB	6'2"	215	Dayton, OH
James Case	DL	6'2"	240	Acworth, GA	Jake O'Connell	WR	6'4"	220	Naples, FL
Joe Coniglio	LB	6'2"	220	Rockford, IL	Jon Pereiro	OL	6'3"	275	Orland Park, IL
Tom Crabtree	TE	6'4"	220	Carroll, OH	Bryan Roland	DB	5'10"	175	Detroit, MI
Nick DeBartolo	RB	6'0"	230	Pittsburgh, PA	Josh Satterthwait	TE	6'4"	245	Roswell, GA
Dave DiFranco	TE	6'5"	255	La Grange, OH	Pat Sheppard	TE	6'4"	215	Pittsburgh, PA
Jared Elliott	QB	6'5"	210	Franklin, TN	Chris Shula	LB	5'11"	200	Cooper City, FL
Ben Huddle	DL	6'5"	225	Columbus, OH	Steve Sutter	DL	6'6"	220	Saint Henry, OH
Chris Hudson	DL	6'2"	225	Arlington, TX	Robbie Wilson	DB	6'0"	195	Cincinnati, OH
Dave Koval	WR	5'11"	175	Poland, OH	Dustin Woods	WR	5'11"	175	Cincinnati, OH
Matt McKeown	OL	6'4"	240	Cincinnati, OH					

RedHawk coaches emphasized the value of speed last season and responded by adding more speed in the 2004 recruiting class. Among the newest RedHawks is line-backer Joe Coniglio, who runs a 4.5 40-yard dash. That's just a tick off the 4.35 pace set by fellow recruit Jimmy Calhoun, a running back from nearby Middletown. The 6'2", 220-pound Coniglio, a product of Rockford, Ill., also drew interest from Michigan State and Wisconsin.

Miami came back from talent-rich Texas with linebacker/defensive end Chris Hudson, who has excelled in two football-mad states. Hudson, whose father played for the Giants, played in Oklahoma's Class 3A state championship game as a sophomore. Even though Miami is well-stocked at wide receiver, the RedHawks added three more in February. Miami also landed Tennessee quarterback Jared Elliott, a first-team all-state performer who stands 6'5" — just like Ben Roethlisberger.

## 2003 Results — 13-1 (8-0 MAC)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 30	at Iowa	L	3-21
S. 13	at Northwestern	W	44-14
S. 20	at Colorado State	W	41-21
S. 27	Cincinnati	W	42-37
O. 4	Akron	W	45-20
O. 11	Buffalo	W	59-3
O. 18	at Ball State	W	49-3
O. 25	at Kent State	W	38-30
N. 4	Bowling Green	W	33-10
N. 12	Marshall	W	45-6
N. 22	at Ohio	W	49-31
N. 28	at UCF	W	56-21
D. 4	@at Bowling Green	W	49-27
D. 18	#Louisville	W	49-28
	@MAC Championship Game		
	#GMAC Bowl		

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Josh Betts, 36-19-263-1, 1 TD  
**Rushing:** Mike Smith, 175 car., 802 yds., 17 TDs  
**Receiving:** Martin Nance, 90 rec., 1,498 yds., 11 TDs  
**Scoring:** Mike Smith, 18 TDs, 108 points  
**Punting:** Mike Wafzig, 32 punts, 41.1 avg.  
**Kicking:** Jared Parseghian, 6-9 FGs, 61-62 XPs, 79 points  
**Tackles:** Matt Pusateri, 141, 89 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Terna Nande, 20 for 70 yds.  
**Sacks:** Tranaime Sills, 6  
**Interceptions:** John Busing, 5 for 93 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** Darrell Hunter, 12 ret., 16.5 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Ryne Robinson, 38 ret., 17.2 avg.





**A**fter enduring two 10-loss seasons in his first three years as coach at Ohio, Brian Knorr went into full makeover mode in the off-season.

Say goodbye to the triple-option offense that was installed under former coach Jim Grobe in the mid-1990s. Instead, the Bobcats will build from the ground up by taking to the air. New offensive coordinator Phil Earley, who spent the past four years at Nevada, has been hired to run a one-back passing offense.

"I think it's just got everybody excited because it's so different from what we ran before," says senior Ray Huston. "Not to say anything bad about the old offense we ran, but it's just something new that guys can learn and hopefully be successful in."

Huston, along with Stafford Owens and Phillip Fountain, will leave the Ohio backfield in 2004 for new positions. Both Huston and Owens will become slot receivers in the new passing game, while Fountain heads across the line of scrimmage to shore up the linebacker ranks.

### Quarterbacks

Austen Everson and Ryan Hawk, a transfer from Miami (Ohio), will battle for the right to run the Bobcats' new attack. Hawk led Ohio with 765 passing yards and four touchdowns last season despite playing most of the year with an injured throwing elbow. He has a slight edge because of his familiarity with the new offense, which is similar to what Miami runs.

The coaching staff initially planned to redshirt Everson in 2003, but injuries to Hawk and Fred Ray forced the freshman into action.

### Running Backs

With Huston, Owens and Fountain out of the backfield, Brad Young, John Taylor and Chris Jackson will be expected to carry

the load for Ohio in 2004. Young rushed for 319 yards with a 4.3 yards-per-carry average last fall.

A wild card in the running back mix will be senior halfback Justin Roush, who missed almost all of last season after tearing an ACL in the season opener. Roush was back for spring practice but did not take part in contact drills.

### NUMBERS GAME

**78** Ohio was outscored by 78 points (166-88) after halftime in 2003. As a result, the Bobcats lost five games in which it led in the second half.

### Receivers

The Bobcats received a pleasant surprise at the wide receiver positions last season with the emergence of Scott Mayle as a deep threat and Anthony Hackett as a strong possession receiver. Mayle, who advanced to the NCAA finals in the long jump for the OU track team in 2003, caught 25 passes for 515 yards and four touchdowns.

Owens and Huston will figure in the passing plans this season, along with tight ends Dave Cody and Rudy Sylvan, a pair of junior college transfers expected to make an immediate impact this season.

### Offensive Linemen

The line also figures to benefit from the new offensive scheme this season after blocking in the intricate system required by the option running game. Knorr says things will be greatly simplified this year. Three of last year's starting five linemen will return this season, led by tackles Dennis Thompson and Steve Lawrence.

### Defensive Linemen

Concerns over depth in the defensive line could force Knorr to play incoming freshmen. Kevin Carberry will be looked to for leadership on the defensive front. He started eight games at end last season and recorded 40 tackles. The other two line spots will be filled by first-year starters.

### Linebackers

No unit was more ravaged by injury last season than the linebacking corps. Five of Ohio's top eight backers suffered season-ending injuries, including three preseason starters. Dennis Chukwuemeka, the Bobcats' leading tackler with 100 last season, returns to lead the defense in 2004.

### Defensive Backs

The secondary will feature a significant position change for the second straight year. After Rob Stover made the jump from outside linebacker to strong safety last season, Chip Cox will go from cornerback to safety this year. That will open up the cornerback spots for T.J. Wright and Dion Byrum. Pressed into duty as a freshman last year, Wright led Ohio with three interceptions.

### Specialists

Ohio must improve its kicking game after a dismal 2003 season. Incumbent placekicker Greg DiMarino will battle Craig Donahue and freshman Brooks Rossman for the starting job this season. Matt Miller, who had off-season shoulder surgery, will be the punter.



Ohio SID

Dennis Chukwuemeka



**Head Coach: Brian Knorr • Record at School: 7-28 (3 years) • Career Record: 7-28 (3 years)**  
**Offensive Coordinator: Phil Earley • Defensive Coordinator: Tim DeRuyter • Athens, Ohio • Peden Stadium (24,000)**

## 2004 Ohio Roster

## Projected Depth Chart

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
9 Everson, Austen	QB	6'2"	220	So.	Brentwood, TN
12 Hawk, Ryan	QB	6'2"	200	Sr.	Centerville, OH
17 Jefferson, Theo	QB	6'2"	202	Fr.	Washington, DC

Running Backs	HB	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
13 Bell, Darrick	HB	6'2"	189	So.	Cleveland Heights
8 Jackson, Chris	HB	6'1"	188	So.	Seale, AL
34 McRae, Kalvin	RB	5'11"	195	Fr.	Decatur, GA
20 Roush, Justin	HB	5'8"	197	Sr.	Pomeroy, OH
33 Simmons, Isiah	FB	6'2"	210	Jr.	Gallipolis, OH
3 Taylor, John	RB	6'0"	215	So.	Richmond, VA
28 Young, Brad	FB	6'1"	215	Jr.	Wellston, OH

Receivers	TE	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
84 Antle, Ryan	TE	6'4"	250	Sr.	Wrightwood, CA
34 Bauer, Steve	TE	6'1"	220	So.	Fairborn, OH
81 Christy, Thomas	TE	6'3"	235	Jr.	South Euclid, OH
30 Fitzgerald, Justin	WR	6'3"	190	Fr.	Richmond, VA
4 Hackett, Anthony	WR	6'1"	193	Jr.	Salem, VA
18 Hiatt, Brandon	WR	5'9"	155	Fr.	Waynesville, OH
29 Huston, Ray	WR	6'2"	215	Sr.	Centerville, OH
86 Ingram, Keyon	WR	6'2"	194	Sr.	Harvey, IL
89 Maxwell, Ahmona	WR	6'1"	170	So.	Paducah, KY
82 Mayle, Scott	WR	6'1"	175	So.	Philippi, WV
7 Owens, Stafford	WR	5'8"	190	Sr.	Harvey, IL
15 Preston, Robert	WR	6'1"	185	Fr.	Columbus, OH
36 Riley, Justin	WR	5'11"	180	So.	Grove City, OH

Offensive Linemen	C	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
69 Bracamonte, Ralph	C	6'3"	290	Sr.	San Pedro, CA
78 Coppage, Matt	G	6'4"	290	So.	Walton, KY
53 Knabb, J.J.	G	6'3"	280	So.	McMurray, PA
66 Lawrence, Steve	T	6'4"	278	Sr.	Medina, OH
79 Miller, Matt	OL	6'3"	290	Fr.	Mechanicsville, VA
75 Nelson, Mike	G	6'2"	286	Jr.	Sinking Spring, PA
62 Shelby, David	OL	6'4"	252	Fr.	New Albany, OH
77 Thompson, Dennis	T	6'4"	307	Sr.	Tallmadge, OH
57 Wesley, Cole	G	6'4"	270	Jr.	Vandalia, OH
70 Williams, Dave	T	6'4"	271	Sr.	Easton, PA
65 Withrow, Nick	OL	6'4"	280	Fr.	Marion, OH
74 Yates, Shane	T	6'2"	285	Jr.	Martinez, GA

Defensive Linemen	DE	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
91 Bush, Garrett	DE	6'4"	270	Sr.	Canton, OH
98 Carberry, Kevin	DE	6'4"	259	Sr.	Oak Lawn, IL
93 Escobar, David	NG	6'2"	280	So.	Dayton, OH
67 Harkless, Rocky	DL	6'3"	220	Jr.	Nelsonville, OH
73 Johnson, Paul	DE	6'2"	285	Fr.	Vienna, WV
51 Keaney, Bill	DL	6'1"	263	Fr.	Powell, OH
60 Parker, Ivann	DL	6'1"	280	Fr.	Woodbridge, VA
92 Paul, Perrier	NG	6'0"	283	Jr.	Chagrin Falls, OH
63 Ream, Seth	DE	6'5"	232	Jr.	Smithville, OH
94 Sykes, Brett	DL	6'2"	250	Fr.	Eastlake, OH

Linebackers	OLB	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
88 Boon, D.T.	OLB	6'4"	227	Sr.	Somerset, KY
31 Brately, Pete	ILB	6'0"	231	Sr.	Dublin, OH
48 Cherry, Ricky	ILB	6'0"	236	Sr.	Durham, NC
2 Chukwuemeka, Dennis	ILB	5'11"	239	Sr.	Huntington, WV
6 Church, Matron	LB	6'3"	230	So.	St. Petersburg, FL
42 Fountain, Phillip	LB	6'1"	213	Jr.	Kennesaw, GA
46 Henley, Taj	OLB	6'1"	203	Fr.	Richmond, VA
49 Johnson, Billy	OLB	6'3"	208	So.	Parkersburg, WV
54 Kasmarcak, Justin	OLB	6'2"	225	Jr.	Richfield, OH
83 Logan, Corey	OLB	6'3"	213	So.	Columbus, OH
50 Muncy, Matt	ILB	6'2"	216	So.	Miamisburg, OH
26 Russ, Tyler	OLB	6'1"	207	So.	Stetsonville, WI
22 Tatum, Spencer	ILB	6'1"	210	So.	Lafayette, LA
44 Terry, Charles	OLB	6'3"	216	Sr.	Bedford, OH
47 Tyson, Andrew	ILB	6'2"	225	Fr.	North Ridgeville, OH
97 Whitlatch, Dan	OLB	6'1"	210	Jr.	Guysville, OH

Defensive Backs	DB	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
32 Booth, Damion	DB	6'2"	180	Fr.	Burlington, NC
5 Bradford, Andrei	FS	5'11"	187	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
16 Butler, Rashad	FS	6'0"	199	Sr.	Pearson, GA
15 Byrum, Dion	CB	5'11"	177	Jr.	Matthews, NC
11 Cox, Chip	DB	5'9"	185	Sr.	Columbus, OH
41 Graham, Michael	SS	5'10"	200	So.	Cincinnati, OH
9 Hartsook, Jonathan	DB	5'11"	172	Fr.	Gahanna, OH
39 Mack, Eric	CB	5'9"	165	Fr.	Cleveland, OH
27 Parham, Marquis	CB	5'11"	175	So.	Kent, OH
38 Sanders, Frank	CB	6'0"	174	Fr.	Harvey, IL
24 Shavers, Rahman	DB	6'0"	190	Sr.	Euclid, OH
23 Stover, Rob	SS	6'0"	201	Sr.	Galena, OH
9 Todoroff, Maxwell	CB	5'10"	184	So.	Norton, OH
5 Wright, T.J.	CB	5'11"	156	So.	Beaumont, TX

Specialists	K	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
18 DiMarino, Greg	K	6'4"	220	Jr.	North Royalton, OH
87 Donahue, Craig	K/P	6'1"	202	Fr.	Powell, OH
14 Miller, Matt	P	6'1"	191	Jr.	Westerville, OH

Offense (6)			
WR	82	Scott Mayle (So.)	86 Keyon Ingram (Sr.)
WR	4	Anthony Hackett (Jr.)	30 Justin Fitzgerald (Fr.)
WR	29	Ray Huston (Sr.)	7 Stafford Owens (Sr.)
LT	77	Dennis Thompson (Sr.)	70 Dave Williams (Sr.)
LG	74	Shane Yates (Jr.)	53 J.J. Knabb (So.)
C	75	Mike Nelson (Jr.)	69 Ralph Bracamonte (Sr.)
RG	78	Matt Coppage (So.)	57 Cole Wesley (Jr.)
RT	66	Steve Lawrence (Sr.)	53 J.J. Knabb (So.)
TE		Dave Cody (Jr.)	Rudy Sylvan (Jr.)
QB	12	Ryan Hawk (Sr.)	9 Austen Everson (So.)
RB	28	Brad Young (Jr.)	3 John Taylor (So.)

Defense (8)			
DE	98	Kevin Carberry (Sr.)	Zach Kiesch (Jr.)
NG	93	David Escobar (So.)	92 Perrier Paul (Jr.)
DE	91	Garrett Bush (Sr.)	73 Paul Johnson (Fr.)
OLB	6	Matron Church (So.)	44 Charles Terry (Sr.)
ILB	2	Dennis Chukwuemeka (Sr.)	50 Matt Muncy (So.)
ILB	31	Pete Brately (Sr.)	50 Matt Muncy (So.)
OLB	26	Tyler Russ (So.)	46 Taj Henley (Fr.)
CB	9	T.J. Wright (So.)	32 Damion Booth (Fr.)
CB	15	Dion Byrum (Jr.)	24 Rahman Shavers (Sr.)
FS	11	Chip Cox (Sr.)	16 Rashad Butler (Sr.)
SS	23	Rob Stover (Sr.)	5 Andrei Bradford (Sr.)

Special Teams			
K	18	Greg DiMarino (Jr.)	KR 8 Chris Jackson (So.)
P	14	Matt Miller (Jr.)	PR 15 Dion Byrum (Jr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters  
**BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 Signees

Joshua Abrams	RB	6'0"	180	Dunwoody, GA	Zach Kiesch	DL	6'6"	265	Minneapolis, MN
Austin Addington-Strapp	LB	6'1"	225	Columbus, OH	Todd Koenig	DB	6'2"	185	Nanty Glo, PA
Felix Adeyeye	WR	6'3"	190	Gahanna, OH	Steve Miller	OL	6'5"	275	Bay Village, OH
Mike Brown	LB	6'2"	210	Cincinnati, OH	Mark Petruziello	QB	6'3"	205	Mentor, OH
Jeff Browning	DL	6'4"	280	Harrison, OH	Brooks Rossman	K	6'1"	165	Seal Beach, CA
Bryson Bush	OL	6'4"	320	Canton, OH	Scott Rouse	OL	6'3"	300	Cincinnati, OH
Dave Cody	TE	6'4"	240	Auburn, CA	Rudy Sylvan	TE	6'4"	250	Suisan City, CA
Landon Cohen	DL	6'2"	250	Spartanburg, SC	Dustin Tatum	DB	5'11"	175	Lafayette, LA
Mike Eynon	OL	6'4"	270	Westlake, OH	Wesley Williams	DL	6'1"	245	Ann Arbor, MI
Chris Hall	DB	6'1"	195	Louisville, KY	Jacob Williamson	DL	6'3"	260	Acworth, GA

Ohio addressed its biggest recruiting goal — shoring up the line of scrimmage — by stockpiling offensive and defensive linemen. The biggest coup on Signing Day for the Bobcats, however, could end up being quarterback Mark Petruziello, a two-time Division III All-Ohio selection who led his team to a state championship. Petruziello, who was one of OU's first commitments, injured his elbow as a junior and went largely unnoticed by most of the Big Ten schools.

Tight ends Dave Cody and Rudy Sylvan, a pair of junior college transfers, will both play regularly in the Bobcats' new passing-dominated offense. Zach Kiesch, a 6'6", 265-pound defensive end from Fullerton (Calif.) Junior College, should be on the two-deep in the fall. He was an all-conference selection as a sophomore.

Brooks Rossman, ranked the No. 28 *placekicker* in the nation by Rivals.com, will have an opportunity to win the job in preseason camp.

## 2003 Results — 2-10 (1-7 MAC)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 28	SE Missouri State	W	17-3
S. 6	at Iowa State	L	20-48
S. 13	Minnesota	L	20-42
S. 27	Western Michigan	L	32-39
O. 4	at Northern Illinois	L	23-30
O. 11	UCF	W	28-0
O. 18	at Kentucky	L	14-35
O. 25	at Buffalo	L	17-26
N. 8	Kent State	L	33-37
N. 15	at Akron	L	28-35
N. 22	Miami (OH)	L	31-49
N. 28	at Marshall	L	0-28

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Ryan Hawk, 100-49-765-3, 4 TDs  
**Rushing:** Ray Huston, 87 car., 319 yds., 4 TDs  
 Brad Young, 75 car., 319 yds., 4 TDs  
**Receiving:** Anthony Hackett, 26 rec., 452 yds., 2 TDs  
**Scoring:** Greg DiMarino, 8 FGs, 27 XPs, 51 points  
**Punting:** Matt Miller, 52 punts, 39.8 avg.  
**Kicking:** Greg DiMarino, 8-12 FGs, 27-32 XPs, 51 points  
**Tackles:** Dennis Chukwuemeka, 100, 69 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Rob Stover, 14 for 65 yds.  
**Sacks:** Rob Stover, 4; Kevin Carberry, 4  
**Interceptions:** T.J. Wright, 3 for 119 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** Chris Jackson, 14 ret., 17.6 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Dion Byrum, 11 ret., 11.8 avg.



**F**or longer than most of its fans can remember, UCF survived by throwing, catching and scoring. Atop the marquee every season was a quarterback.

The only name on the marquee this year, however, is new coach George O'Leary, whom UCF lured away from the Minnesota Vikings by promising financial commitments to him and to his new program. O'Leary, who headed programs at Georgia Tech (from 1994-2001) and Notre Dame (for five days in late 2001), promised the basics: more running, more stopping the run, more discipline, more graduates, all to get the Knights on track after a 3-9 season that cost Mike Kruczek his job. O'Leary will have one season to make an impression in the MAC. After this year, UCF moves into Conference USA.

## Quarterbacks

After burning a planned redshirt at the end of the 2003 campaign, Steven Moffett is ready for a full season of work. He likes the idea of running a multiple offense that made Joe Hamilton a Heisman Trophy candidate at Georgia Tech. He'll need his legs to be as sound as his arm, because UCF's offensive line is young.

## Running Backs

Tailback Alex Haynes has 2,502 career yards and a per-carry average of 4.7 yards. Good news, bad news: Haynes could be better as a senior but less productive. Redshirt sophomore Dontavious Wilcox is ready for more work, and he has big-play ability. UCF will employ more one-back sets, but a fullback tandem of Dee Brown and Evandall Williams is solid.

## Receivers

There's never a shortage of wideouts at UCF, and this year is no exception. The numbers belong to Tavaris Capers (67

catches, seven TDs in 2003), Brandon Marshall (28 catches, two TDs) and Luther Huggins (26 catches, two TDs), but younger players are ready to emerge. Sophomore Mike Walker and red-shirt freshman Sergiori Joachim are the ones to watch, as is tight end Darcy Johnson. One of offensive coordinator Tim Salem's challenges is staying true to a run-first mentality while utilizing his best athletes, many of whom are receivers.

## NUMBERS GAME

**3.3** UCF averaged just 3.3 yards per carry in 2003, the fifth straight sub-4.0 season for the Golden Knights.

## Offensive Linemen

O'Leary pegs this unit as one needing repair and development. "With our line, our passing game will be five-step, hit, three-step hit, no-step hit," O'Leary jokes. As for the running game, the Knights averaged only 97.9 yards rushing, 13th in the MAC. A rough core is in place, headed by center Cedric Gagne-Marcoux, guard Dan Veenstra and tackle Sean Gilhuly, but there's virtually no quality depth. O'Leary hired line coach Joe Gilbert away from ultra-consistent Toledo to help here.

## Defensive Linemen

Here's the other scary part for the Knights, who were 10th in the MAC against the run in 2003 (191.6 ypg). "I like defensive linemen that I have to look up to," O'Leary says. He doesn't have many of them at UCF. Only one eligible interior lineman is taller than 6'3" (Ben Brinson) and only one approaches 300 pounds (Frisner Nelson). UCF wore down at the point of attack the past couple of seasons. The Knights need more push from a rotation of ends (Paul Carrington, Josh Stephens, Trenton Jordan and Chris Welsh) that logged only four sacks in 2003.

## Linebackers

UCF will miss outside playmaker Antoine Poe, whose career ended in the final game of 2003 because of a neck injury, and senior middle linebacker Craig Harvey quit before spring practice. The other middle linebacker, Stanford Rhule, is back in good graces. This group is fast but undersized for its schedule, and new defensive coordinator Lance Thompson needs someone among Rhule, Tywin Kalandyk or James Cook to replace Poe's on-field leadership.

## Defensive Backs

Much of UCF's scheme depends on the abilities of cornerbacks to cover one-on-one. After only two interceptions by the secondary last season — none by cornerbacks — that's still in question. Sophomore Ron Ellis is a future star, but is that future now? Former Maryland transfer Rovel Hamilton is other corner. Two-time All-MAC safety Atari Bigby and free safety Peter Sands are sound, but overall this secondary has struggled to make big plays.

## Specialists

Amid last year's misery, Matt Prater was the bright star. He became a double threat, booting 10 field goals and, in a major surprise, leading the country in punting (47.9 yards after coaches discovered the former high school soccer player could kick on the run). Under O'Leary, though, UCF's famed rugby punt is dead, and punting duties fall to Scott Sevin, last season's pooch punter.



UCF SID

Alex Haynes



**Head Coach: George O'Leary • Record at School: First Season • Career Record: 52-33 (7 years)**  
**Offensive Coordinator: Tim Salem • Defensive Coordinator: Lance Thompson • Orlando, Fla. • Florida Citrus Bowl (70,188)**

## 2004 UCF Roster

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
16 Connell, Gerry	QB	6'0"	215	So.	New Smyrna Beach, FL
9 Moffett, Steven	QB	6'3"	200	So.	Winter Park, FL
13 Rivera, Jon	QB	6'2"	190	Sr.	Perth Amboy, NJ
12 Sumner, Brandon	QB	6'3"	220	Jr.	Daytona Beach, FL

Running Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
32 Brown, Dee	FB	5'11"	235	Sr.	Brooksville, FL
4 Haynes, Alex	TB	5'10"	225	Sr.	Orlando, FL
Spivey, Jared	FB	6'2"	200	Fr.	Savannah, GA
2 Wilcox, Dontavius	TB	5'9"	210	So.	Rockledge, FL
34 Williams, Evandall	FB	6'0"	240	So.	Havana, FL
21 Williams, Keith	TB	5'9"	200	Jr.	Plant City, FL

Receivers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
7 Capers, Tavaris	WR	5'8"	170	Sr.	Miami, FL
5 Huggins, Luther	WR	5'9"	190	Sr.	Miami, FL
88 Joachim, Sergiori	WR	6'5"	195	Fr.	North Miami, FL
84 Johnson, Darcy	TE	6'5"	245	Jr.	Palatka, FL
83 Joiner, Harvey	TE	6'4"	280	Sr.	Austin, TX
81 Marshall, Brandon	WR	6'4"	220	Jr.	Winter Park, FL
90 Merritt, Mike	TE	6'3"	265	Fr.	West Palm Beach, FL
10 Narsesian, Chris	WR	6'0"	195	Fr.	Oviedo, FL
87 Sumpter, Andre	WR	6'0"	180	So.	Jacksonville, FL
80 Terry, Ryan	WR	5'10"	175	Fr.	Winter Park, FL
1 Turner, Brooks	WR	5'11"	190	So.	Deerfield Beach, FL
11 Walker, Mike	WR	6'2"	190	So.	Orlando, FL

Offensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
61 Bern, Aaron	C	6'4"	290	Fr.	Montgomery, AL
55 Butcher, Adam	T	6'4"	305	Jr.	St. Petersburg, FL
53 Gagne-Marcoux, Cedric	C	6'2"	280	So.	Sherbrooke, PQ
66 Gilhuly, Sean	T	6'5"	310	So.	Winter Springs, FL
73 Peoples, Larry	T	6'5"	290	So.	Jacksonville, FL
58 Toeniskoetter, Adam	G	6'3"	290	Jr.	Los Gatos, CA
75 Ulsch, Seth	T	6'4"	300	So.	Ocala, FL
57 Veenstra, Dan	G	6'5"	290	So.	Largo, FL
68 Williams, Brad	T	6'5"	280	Fr.	Vidalia, GA

Defensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
93 Brinson, Ben	DT	6'4"	275	Jr.	Orlando, FL
95 Carrington, Paul	DE	6'7"	250	Jr.	Springfield, GA
65 Hubbard, Marcus	DT	6'3"	290	Fr.	Sanford, FL
86 Jordan, Trenton	DE	6'4"	240	Sr.	Pasadena, CA
63 King, Dennis	DL	6'2"	250	Fr.	Daytona Beach, FL
98 Nelson, Frisner	DT	6'2"	290	Jr.	Fort Myers, FL
94 Stephens, Josh	DE	6'1"	255	Sr.	Port Arthur, TX
96 Welsh, Chris	DE	6'4"	245	So.	Cocoa, FL

Linebackers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
44 Bernard, Lemec	LB	6'0"	220	Jr.	Fort Myers, FL
22 Bray, Gerren	LB	5'11"	225	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
48 Cook, James	LB	6'3"	210	Jr.	Jacksonville, FL
52 Dozier, Randy	LB	6'2"	200	Fr.	Orlando, FL
54 Goins, Brian	LB	6'0"	220	Fr.	Rockledge, FL
46 Kalandyk, Tywin	LB	6'0"	215	So.	Live Oak, FL
41 Ohaegbulam, Goodson	LB	6'0"	235	So.	Winter Park, FL
18 Rhule, Stanford	LB	5'9"	240	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
47 Sandy, Ronnell	LB	6'0"	210	So.	Titusville, FL

Defensive Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
24 Bigby, Atari	SS	5'11"	210	Sr.	Miami, FL
26 Ellis, Ron	CB	5'11"	190	So.	Palm Bay, FL
45 Fagan, Damani	FS	6'1"	200	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
41 Gomes, Trae	CB	5'10"	170	Fr.	Sarasota, FL
3 Hamilton, Rovel	CB	5'11"	185	Sr.	Melbourne, FL
2 Hopkins Jr., Alphonzo	SS	5'10"	155	Sr.	Cairo, GA
33 Johnson, Rashard	CB	5'11"	190	Sr.	Miami, FL
40 Johnson, Travonti	CB	6'2"	185	So.	Miami, FL
28 Parkes, Renford	SS	5'11"	200	Fr.	Titusville, FL
19 Peterson, Al	CB	6'0"	195	Jr.	Alachua, FL
29 Sands, Peter	FS	6'3"	230	Sr.	Titusville, FL
38 Shakespeare, Sheldon	CB	5'11"	160	Fr.	Jacksonville, FL
27 Washington, Troy	CB	5'10"	200	Fr.	Orlando, FL
35 Willis, Anthony	FS	6'0"	195	Jr.	Winter Garden, FL

Specialists	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
36 Prater, Matt	K	5'10"	170	Jr.	Estero, FL
59 Reeves, Max	LS	6'2"	240	Sr.	Dunnellon, FL
97 Sevin, Scott	P	6'0"	200	Sr.	Spring, TX

## Projected Depth Chart

Offense (8)				
WR	7	Tavaris Capers (Sr.)	81	Brandon Marshall (Jr.)
WR	5	Luther Huggins (Sr.)	1	Brooks Turner (So.)
LT	73	Larry Peoples (So.)	55	Adam Butcher (Jr.)
LG	58	Adam Toeniskoetter (Jr.)	68	Brad Williams (Fr.)
C	53	Cedric Gagne-Marcoux (So.)	61	Aaron Bern (Fr.)
RG	57	Dan Veenstra (So.)	68	Brad Williams (Fr.)
RT	66	Sean Gilhuly (So.)	55	Adam Butcher (Jr.)
TE	84	Darcy Johnson (Jr.)	83	Harvey Joiner (Sr.)
QB	9	Steven Moffett (So.)	13	Jon Rivera (Sr.)
FB	32	Dee Brown (Sr.)	34	Evandall Williams (So.)
TB	4	Alex Haynes (Sr.)	2	Dontavius Wilcox (So.)

Defense (7)				
DE	95	Paul Carrington (Jr.)	94	Josh Stephens (Sr.)
DT	98	Frisner Nelson (Jr.)	63	Dennis King (Fr.)
DT	93	Ben Brinson (Jr.)	65	Marcus Hubbard (Fr.)
DE	86	Trenton Jordan (Sr.)	96	Chris Welsh (So.)
SLB	22	Gerren Bray (Sr.)	48	James Cook (Jr.)
MLB	18	Stanford Rhule (Sr.)	41	Goodson Ohaegbulam (So.)
WLB	46	Tywin Kalandyk (So.)	44	Lemec Bernard (Jr.)
CB	3	Rovel Hamilton (Sr.)	38	Sheldon Shakespeare (Fr.)
CB	26	Ron Ellis (So.)	33	Rashard Johnson (Sr.)
SS	24	Atari Bigby (Sr.)	28	Renford Parkes (Fr.)
FS	29	Peter Sands (Sr.)	40	Travonti Johnson (So.)

Special Teams					
K	36	Matt Prater (Jr.)	KR	7	Tavaris Capers (Sr.)
P	97	Scott Sevin (Sr.)	PR	7	Tavaris Capers (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters  
**BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 Signees

L.J. Anderson	OL	6'4"	300	Sumter, SC	Russell Phillips	DL	6'3"	250	Douglasville, GA
Augustus Ashley	DB	6'0"	185	Jacksonville, FL	Sha'reff Rashad	DB	6'1"	190	Jacksonville, FL
Leger Douzable	DL	6'5"	275	Tampa, FL	Frank Reina	OL	6'6"	275	Miami, FL
Curtis Francis	RB	5'11"	180	Green Cove Spgs., FL	Carlo Rossi	OL	6'6"	285	Lakeland, FL
Eric Hodge	OL	6'6"	308	St. Petersburg, FL	Keith Shologan	DL	6'2"	275	Spruce Grove, AB
Dominic Ignelzi	OL	6'5"	305	Port St. Lucie, FL	Josh Sittton	DL	6'4"	295	Pensacola, FL
Kyle Israel	QB	6'3"	235	Orlando, FL	Kyle Smith	OL	6'3"	295	Brockway, PA
Ryan Karhut	OL	6'5"	300	Edmonton, AB	Kyle Storey	OL	6'6"	280	Dublin, OH
Michael Lavoie	OL	6'4"	290	Sanford, FL	Jason Venson	DB	5'11"	195	Marietta, GA
Johnell Neal	DB	5'11"	170	Baton Rouge, LA	Keith Williams	DB	5'11"	190	Austell, GA
Emeka Okamfor	DL	6'1"	295	Baton Rouge, LA					

In four or five years, this class well may be celebrated for its overachievement. At least UCF hopes so, because even O'Leary admits this class doesn't set an athletic standard for his new program in Orlando. O'Leary was allowed to finish his stint as the Minnesota Vikings' defensive coordinator before reporting for duty at UCF. That, plus a mild heart attack on New Year's Eve, meant he didn't get to Orlando full-time until early January. His goal became finding the best players with good grades who would say yes.

O'Leary's first focus was linemen on both sides and defensive backs, but the Golden Knights did add a quarterback they needed in Orlando University High's Kyle Israel. Ryan Karhut and Keith Shologan are the latest UCF linemen from Canada. The Knights also added promising tackle L.J. Anderson (6'4", 300) from Sumter, S.C. Adding speed to the secondary are Jacksonville natives Sha'reff Rashad and Augustus Ashley, as well as Johnell Neal from Baton Rouge, La.

## 2003 Results — 3-9 (2-6 MAC)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 31	at Virginia Tech	L	28-49
S. 13	Florida Atlantic	W	33-29
S. 20	at Syracuse	L	14-38
S. 27	at Kent State	L	16-36
O. 4	Buffalo	W	19-10
O. 11	at Ohio	L	0-28
O. 18	at Akron	L	24-38
O. 25	Central Michigan	W	31-13
N. 1	at West Virginia	L	18-36
N. 8	at Eastern Michigan	L	13-19
N. 19	Marshall	L	7-21
N. 28	Miami (OH)	L	21-56

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Jon Rivera, 75-33-475-2, 1 TD  
**Rushing:** Alex Haynes, 183 car., 774 yds., 5 TDs  
**Receiving:** Tavaris Capers, 67 rec., 585 yds., 7 TDs  
**Scoring:** Matt Prater, 10 FGs, 23 XPs, 53 points  
**Punting:** Matt Prater, 58 punts, 47.9 avg.  
**Kicking:** Matt Prater, 10-13 FGs, 23-24 XPs, 53 points  
**Tackles:** Peter Sands, 113, 70 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Antoine Poe, 16 for 53 yds.  
**Sacks:** Antoine Poe, 3  
**Interceptions:** Peter Sands, 2 for 16 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** Luther Huggins, 26 ret., 25.1 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Tavaris Capers, 17 ret., 7.8 avg.





**S**econd-year head coach Brady Hoke welcomes back eight starters from one of the most prolific offenses in school history, but the Cardinals will be without two graduated fifth-year senior quarterbacks who helped the Cardinals throw for a school-record 2,730 yards and 22 touchdown passes last season.

Defensively, Ball State must replace seven starters, but the Cards return All-Conference safety Justin Beriault, a quality linebacker in Donta Smith and 21 lettermen.

A very difficult schedule looms, with a home game against Boston College and road trips to Purdue, Missouri, Toledo and Bowling Green.

### Quarterbacks

Sophomore Joey Lynch is the only quarterback on the roster with any playing experience. Lynch completed all three of his passes for 47 yards and one touchdown last season. He will battle Todd Racine, who, according to Hoke, has the strongest arm, and Casey Gillin for the starting assignment. Two true freshmen, Cole Stinson and Warren Suess, are also in the mix.

### Running Backs

The Cardinals have plenty of options in the backfield. Scott Blair, the leading rusher in 2003 with 604 yards, will likely be the primary ballcarrier. Charles Wynn is a big back who carried the ball 97 times for 359 yards, while Tyrone Simmons brings more speed. An intriguing option could be Larry Bostic, who made the move from receiver to tailback during spring practice.

The coaching staff is expecting true freshman Adell Givens to contribute right away and add some big-play ability to the offense.

The Cards are one of the few teams in the MAC to utilize a fullback, and they have two good ones in Brad Salyer and Aaron Matthews.



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Dante Ridgeway

### Receivers

Ball State returns its top 11 pass catchers from a year ago, and the strength of the Cardinal offense is at wide receiver. Last season, Dante Ridgeway became just the third player in school history to top the 1,000-yard mark when he caught 89 passes for 1,075 yards and 10 touchdowns. Bryan Williamson (481 yards) and Ryan Hahaj (324 yards) give the Cardinals two more quality pass catchers. "We obviously had a very good receiving corps last season," Hoke says, "and we are excited about how hard they have worked this past winter. These guys will help smooth our quarterback transition."

### NUMBERS GAME

**89** Dante Ridgeway set a Ball State single-season record with 89 receptions last year.

### Offensive Linemen

The Cardinals welcome back two starters — guard Jeff Ramsey and center Nick Tabacca — along with letterwinners Justin Schneider at tackle and Ryan Steele at guard. "The offensive line is a position of need, and we still must develop there," Hoke says. "It is where our offense will start. We do have good leadership and some tough guys to build with, though."

### Defensive Linemen

The defensive line returns two starters and nine lettermen from an undersized unit that gave up 197.6 yards rushing per game last year. The four players likely to start this fall average just 6'2", 254-pounds per man. Tackle Conrad Slaughter is "the bell cow" of the group according to Hoke, a former defensive lineman at BSU. Riley Larimore will join Slaughter on the inside, while Blair Kramer and Vincent Davis have the inside track on the starting end positions.

### Linebackers

Smith returns at middle linebacker after a 57-tackle season in 2003. Former running back Brad Seiss has been moved to weak-side linebacker to replace Lorenzo Scott, and he is expected to start right away. BSU's linebacking corps lacks depth, but Anthony Corpuz, Travis Mikalauskas and Andy Stark all have experience. True freshmen Wendell Brown and Byron Miles will have a chance to contribute right away.

### Defensive Backs

Justin Beriault, a first-team All-MAC safety, led the Cardinals with 145 tackles and added one interception and six pass breakups. He was a big reason Ball State ranked second in the MAC in pass defense, (though the Cards' inability to stop the run also played a part). "Beriault is the backbone of our defense," Hoke says. Free safety Erik Keys, who made one start last season, and cornerbacks Tommy Schembra and Randall Means will join Beriault in the starting secondary.

### Specialists

Ball State has long been known for quality kicking specialists. Placekicker Brian Jackson returns after connecting on 11-of-16 field goals as a true freshman. He also proved to be a weapon for kickoffs and onside kicks. Reggie Hodges returns at punter for the Cardinals after sitting out 2003. He was the team's top punter in his first three seasons and averaged 40.3 yards in 2002.



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## 2004 Ball State Roster

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Running Backs					
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32 Blair, Scott	RB	6'1"	209	Sr.	Somerset, KY
19 Bostic, Larry	RB	5'7"	177	Jr.	Fort Wayne, IN
27 Bova, Garret	FB	6'0"	226	So.	Naperville, IL
Martin, Brenton	RB	6'1"	196	So.	Fort Wayne, IN
41 Matthews, Aaron	FB	5'10"	221	So.	Orlando, FL
46 Moore, Alex	FB	6'1"	243	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
22 Rainey, Seth	RB	5'11"	216	Fr.	Mount Vernon, IN
38 Salyer, Brad	FB	5'11"	235	So.	Noblesville, IN
36 Sieman, Jason	FB	6'3"	217	So.	Katy, TX
26 Simmons, Tyrone	RB	6'1"	193	Fr.	Gallipolis, OH
Stout, Kendrick	RB	5'8"	202	So.	Elkhart, IN
24 Wynn, Charles	RB	5'10"	221	Jr.	Sylvania, OH
Receivers					
4 Barnes, Jason	WR	5'11"	196	Sr.	Fort Wayne, IN
81 Broussard, Derek	WR	6'1"	190	So.	Deer Park, TX
82 Franklin, Mark	TE	6'4"	255	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
15 Gill, Nathan	WR	5'10"	194	So.	Bloomington, IN
87 Hahaj, Ryan	WR	6'3"	198	Jr.	Fort Wayne, IN
3 Jackson, Chris	WR	6'0"	189	So.	Muncie, IN
2 Moss, Terry	WR	5'10"	182	So.	Huber Heights, OH
17 Reddick, Floyd	WR	6'0"	200	Fr.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
86 Ridgeway, Dante	WR	6'1"	199	Jr.	Decatur, IL
80 Smith, Bryan	TE	6'4"	256	Jr.	Auburn, MI
84 Steinhaus, Michael	TE	6'3"	248	So.	Algonquin, IL
Williams, Michael	WR/P	6'2"	179	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
18 Williamson, Bryan	WR	6'3"	204	So.	Westerville, OH
89 Wilson, Brad	TE	6'3"	235	So.	Muncie, IN
Offensive Linemen					
72 Anastopoulos, Kris	OL	6'5"	304	So.	Joliet, IL
78 Barclay, Ryan	OL	6'3"	295	Fr.	Noblesville, IN
64 Bradtmiller, Scott	G	6'4"	275	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN
50 Brown, Dustin	C	6'3"	282	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN
67 Brown, Mike	OL	6'4"	301	So.	Mooreville, IN
53 Hartig, Justin	OL	6'4"	267	Fr.	Charlotte, MI
54 Hay, Michael	OL	6'1"	238	So.	Coldwater, OH
75 Knisley, Ty	OL	6'5"	330	Sr.	New Carlisle, OH
61 McKee, Ryan	T	6'5"	272	So.	Noblesville, IN
73 Neils, Patrick	G	6'2"	298	Jr.	Sheboygan, WI
66 Neville, Kevin	T	6'7"	285	Fr.	Cottage Grove, WI
Penland, Justin	OL	6'6"	325	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN
71 Ramsey, Jeff	G	6'3"	277	Sr.	Fairfield, OH
68 Rothstein, Adam	T	6'4"	300	Jr.	Chesterfield, MO
76 Schneider, Justin	T	6'5"	294	So.	Hilbert, WI
79 Siminski, Carey	OL	6'4"	267	Fr.	Noblesville, IN
63 Steele, Ryan	G	6'6"	273	So.	Middleton, WI
70 Tabacca, Nick	C	6'6"	288	Sr.	Columbus, OH
60 Tilton, Jerome	OL	6'1"	265	Sr.	East St. Louis, IL
Defensive Linemen					
95 Davis, Vincent	DE	6'3"	235	So.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
99 Graymire, Nick	DT	6'2"	271	Jr.	Ottawa, ON
89 Jordan, Jacob	DE	6'3"	263	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
92 Kellar, Tom	DT	6'3"	290	So.	Indianapolis, IN
57 Kramer, Blair	DE	6'3"	254	Jr.	Maumee, OH
97 Larimore, Riley	DT	6'2"	248	So.	Merrillville, IN
Lee, Travis	DL	6'6"	258	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN
94 Macarthy, Temidayo	DE	6'4"	246	Fr.	Merrillville, IN
78 Miekczynski, Martin	DT	6'2"	283	Jr.	Grayslake, IL
85 Miller, Mike	DE	6'4"	275	Jr.	Evansville, IN
65 Slaughter, Conrad	DT	6'2"	276	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
91 Wims, Lorenzo	DE	6'3"	256	So.	Fort Wayne, IN
Linebackers					
44 Booker, Cortlan	LB	6'2"	229	Fr.	West Lafayette, IN
58 Buckley, Alan	LB	6'0"	224	So.	Indianapolis, IN
51 Corpuz, Anthony	SLB	6'2"	220	So.	Fenton, MO
30 Dorulla, Mike	WLB	6'0"	214	Fr.	Valparaiso, IN
Fulton, Chris	LB	6'0"	210	Fr.	Harvey, IL
48 Mikalauskas, Travis	SLB	6'2"	233	Jr.	Dayton, OH
Miles, Byron	LB	5'10"	220	Fr.	Chicago, IL
55 Randolph, Scott	LB	6'1"	211	Sr.	South Bend, IN
42 Seiss, Brad	WLB	6'0"	221	So.	Warsaw, IN
23 Smith, Donta	MLB	6'0"	232	Jr.	East Chicago, IN
35 Spates, Andrico	LB	6'0"	215	Jr.	Decatur, IL
39 Stark, Andy	MLB	6'1"	234	Jr.	Seymour, IN
Defensive Backs					
6 Allen, Chris	CB	5'10"	173	Fr.	Dayton, OH
31 Beriault, Justin	S	6'3"	200	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
1 Burk, Eddie	S	5'11"	201	Fr.	Florissant, MO
25 Gater, David	S	5'11"	194	Jr.	Kendallville, IN
7 Hall, Desmond	S	5'10"	183	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
Johnson, James	DB	5'10"	175	So.	Indianapolis, IN
49 Keys, Erik	S	5'10"	204	So.	Indianapolis, IN
5 Means, Randall	CB	5'9"	176	So.	Detroit, MI
Newport, Robert	DB	6'0"	192	So.	Muncie, IN
Phillips, Quentin	DB	5'8"	166	Fr.	South Bend, IN
29 Rakestraw, Ricky	CB	5'9"	160	So.	Dayton, OH
Redd, Albert	DB	6'2"	207	So.	Indianapolis, IN
21 Schembra, Tommy	CB	6'0"	182	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
Simpson, Jamar	DB	5'10"	198	Fr.	Wheaton, IL
Specialists					
30 Hodges, Reggie	P	6'0"	205	Sr.	Champaign, IL
40 Jackson, Brian	K	5'7"	180	So.	Dothan, AL
Terkhorn, Matthew	K	6'0"	205	Fr.	Columbus, IN

Offense (8)			
WR	18	Bryan Williamson (So.)	87 Ryan Hahaj (Jr.)
WR	86	Dante Ridgeway (Jr.)	3 Chris Jackson (So.)
LT	76	Justin Schneider (So.)	66 Kevin Neville (Fr.)
LG	71	Jeff Ramsey (Sr.)	73 Patrick Neils (Jr.)
C	70	Nick Tabacca (Sr.)	50 Dustin Brown (Fr.)
RG	63	Ryan Steele (So.)	64 Scott Bradtmiller (Fr.)
RT	68	Adam Rothstein (Jr.)	61 Ryan McKee (So.)
TE	82	Mark Franklin (Sr.)	84 Michael Steinhaus (So.)
QB	9	Joey Lynch (So.)	8 Todd Racine (So.)
FB	38	Brad Salyer (So.)	41 Aaron Matthews (So.)
TB	32	Scott Blair (Sr.)	24 Charles Wynn (Jr.)
Defense (4)			
DE	95	Vincent Davis (So.)	98 Temidayo Macarthy (Fr.)
DT	97	Riley Larimore (So.)	92 Tom Kellar (So.)
DT	65	Conrad Slaughter (Sr.)	74 Martin Miekczynski (Jr.)
DE	57	Blair Kramer (Jr.)	91 Lorenzo Wims (So.)
SLB	51	Anthony Corpuz (So.)	48 Travis Mikalauskas (Jr.)
MLB	23	Donta Smith (Jr.)	39 Andy Stark (Jr.)
WLB	42	Brad Seiss (So.)	30 Mike Dorulla (Fr.)
CB	21	Tommy Schembra (Sr.)	29 Ricky Rakestraw (So.)
CB	5	Randall Means (So.)	6 Chris Allen (Fr.)
SS	31	Justin Beriault (Sr.)	1 Eddie Burk (Fr.)
FS	49	Erik Keys (So.)	25 David Gater (Jr.)
Special Teams			
K	40	Brian Jackson (So.)	KR 19 Larry Bostic (Jr.)
P	30	Reggie Hodges (Sr.)	PR 87 Ryan Hahaj (Jr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters  
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## 2004 Signees

Gonzalo Barinaga	LB	6'2"	220	Milwaukee, WI	Eric Larimer	OL	6'5"	285	Centerville, OH
Jon Belcher	DL	6'3"	265	Somerset, KY	Trey Lewis	DB	6'0"	190	Raleigh, NC
Wendell Brown	LB	6'1"	215	Detroit, MI	Kenny Meeks	WR	6'2"	220	Muncie, IN
Dominique Bryson	DB	6'0"	170	Chicago, IL	Bryon Miles	LB	5'11"	220	Chicago, IL
Adam Cole	OL	6'6"	270	Eden Prairie, MN	Chris Miller	PK	6'3"	190	Mundelein, IL
Jovens Degage	RB	5'11"	180	North Miami, FL	Lavell Mosley	DB	6'2"	185	Kenosha, WI
Dan Dunford	RB	5'10"	175	Naples, FL	Ryan Patrick	DB	5'10"	170	Trotwood, OH
Dan Gerberry	OL	6'3"	275	Canfield, OH	Jason Sippel	OL	6'5"	250	Hawthorn Woods, IL
Adell Givens	RB	5'10"	180	Hamilton, OH	Casey Sponseller	DL	6'2"	230	Osceola, IN
Bryant Haines	DB	6'5"	205	Piqua, OH	Cole Stinson	QB	6'4"	235	Esterio, FL
Darius Hill	WR	6'6"	205	Blue Springs, MO	Warren Suess	QB	6'4"	190	Cedar Rapids, IA
Louis Johnson	WR	6'1"	175	Muncie, IN	Joshua Taylor	DB	5'10"	190	Matteson, IL
Amara Koroma	DE	6'2"	250	Homewood, IL	Brian Trowman	OL	6'3"	315	Blue Springs, MO

The Cardinals headed to Minnesota, Florida, North Carolina, Iowa and Missouri — states not usually targeted by Ball State — to find talent. The prize of the class is tailback Adell Givens, a native of southwestern Ohio who received a lot of interest from Big Ten and Big East schools. Two 6'4" quarterback prospects — Cole Stinson and Warren Suess — also highlight this class, along with talented linebacker Wendell Brown, an all-state player from Michigan who chose Ball State over MAC powers Toledo and Bowling Green. Louis Johnson is a homegrown product who recorded over 2,200 receiving yards and 20 touchdowns during his high school career. Kenny Meeks, named Indiana's Class 4A Defensive Player of the Year by one publication, is a versatile player who started at receiver, tight end, linebacker and defensive end in high school. Others to note are linebacker Byron Miles from Chicago and Kentucky all-state performer Jonathan Belcher, a defensive tackle.

## 2003 Results — 4-8 (3-5 MAC)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 28	Indiana State	W	31-7
S. 6	Missouri	L	7-35
S. 13	at Pittsburgh	L	21-42
S. 20	C. Michigan	W	27-14
S. 27	at Boston Coll.	L	29-53
O. 4	at Kent State	W	34-17
O. 18	Miami (OH)	L	3-49
O. 25	Toledo	W	38-14
N. 1	at No. Illinois	L	23-48
N. 8	at W. Michigan	L	20-28
N. 15	at E. Michigan	L	14-38
N. 22	Bowling Green	L	14-41

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Joey Lynch, 3-3-47-0, 1 TD  
**Rushing:** Scott Blair, 137 car., 604 yds., 5 TDs  
**Receiving:** Dante Ridgeway, 89 rec., 1,075 yds., 10 TDs  
**Scoring:** Dante Ridgeway, 11 TDs, 66 points  
**Punting:** None  
**Kicking:** Brian Jackson, 11-16 FGs, 25-26 XPs, 58 points  
**Tackles:** Justin Beriault, 145, 71 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Justin Beriault, 6 for 33 yds.  
**Conrad Slaughter, 6 for 13 yds.**  
**Sacks:** Vincent Davis, 3  
**Interceptions:** Travis Mikalauskas, 1 for 0 yds.  
**Justin Beriault, 1 for 6 yds.**  
**Kickoff returns:** Larry Bostic, 28 ret., 20.2 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Ryan Hahaj, 25 ret., 7.0 avg.





**S**econd-year head coach Gregg Brandon and his Falcons believe there is some unfinished business left over from 2003, despite an 11-3 mark and a Top 25 ranking. "Last year, we won a bowl game, won the (MAC) West (Division), and now we want to win the MAC," says Brandon, who enjoyed a rookie season the likes of which few college coaches have ever experienced.

MAC teams are usually forced to rebuild after the kind of season Bowling Green had a year ago. But if the Falcons can identify a quarterback to succeed team MVP Josh Harris, BG may very well take "the next step" and bring home the MAC hardware

### Quarterbacks

All eyes are on sophomore Omar Jacobs as he attempts to build his own record of success as Bowling Green's starting quarterback. The shoes he's filling are enormous. Harris could break down defenses with his legs and his arm, and he ranked third in the nation in total offense last season (331.6 yards per game).

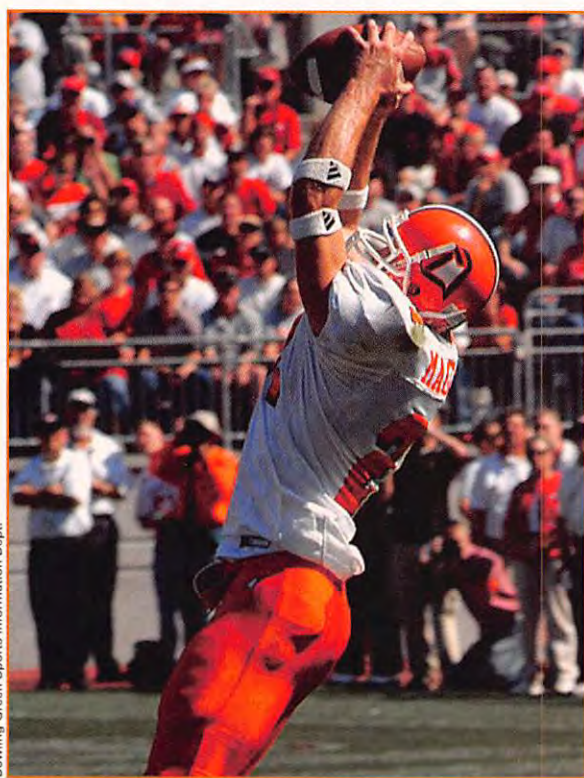
"Omar is smart," says Brandon. "You tell him something once, he grasps it. Omar can watch a tape, he can get coached and go out and execute it on the field, usually the first time."

Jacobs, out of Delray Beach, Fla., played well in four appearances last year. The backups are sophomore Van Johnson and freshman Nick Thurman.

### Running Backs



Nothing takes the pressure off an inexperienced quarterback better than a running game. The Falcons are stocked at running back with first-team All-MAC performer P.J. Pope leading the way. Pope topped 1,000 rushing yards last fall and caught 48 passes in BG's spread attack. Junior B.J. Lane had the highest rushing average per carry in Bowling Green history a year ago at 6.4 yards per attempt. Lane carried 78 times for 498 yards.



**Cole Magner**

### Receivers

The Falcons return 4,043 receiving yards and 29 touchdown catches from 2003. Senior Cole Magner set single-season BG marks last year in receptions (99), receiving yardage (1,138), and all-purpose yardage (1,592). Junior Charles Sharon snared 59 passes for 887 yards. Magner and Sharon each had 10 touchdown receptions, and along with senior James Hawkins have a combined 78 career starts.

### NUMBERS GAME

**13** The Falcons have won 13 straight home games at Perry Stadium dating back to November 2001.

### Offensive Linemen

With several veteran players injured, spring ball saw young linemen getting plenty of reps and much-needed experience. "I like those young kids," says Brandon. "We've got some depth in the line finally and some quality depth, and they've done a good job."

All-MAC senior standout Scott Mruczkowski will be at center and no doubt provide a calming influence for Omar Jacobs when the Falcons line up at Oklahoma on Sept. 4.

### Defensive Linemen

Bowling Green's defense starts with penetration and pressure up front. The Falcons were deep in 2003 and kept fresh legs on the field, resulting in 33 sacks (second in the MAC). Junior end Mitchell Crossley recorded nine sacks and earned second-team All-MAC honors. Sophomore end Devon Parks came off the edge for five sacks. Run stopper Mike Thaler, a junior, had a "great spring," according to Brandon, after racking up 64 tackles in 14 games a year ago.

### Linebackers

BG also has an experienced linebacking corps. Senior Jovon Burkes (16 career starts) will push for All-MAC accolades this season. Ted Piepkow and Daniel Sayles are two-year lettermen with 15 starts between them. Watch for junior Jamien Johnson and freshman Jenkins Reese to make a move.

### Defensive Backs

The big loss on defense is corner Janssen Patton, a first-team All-MAC pick who intercepted seven passes. Brandon is confident senior Keon Newson will step it up in 2004. "I certainly think (Keon) can be the best defensive player in the conference," he says. Newson forced a MAC-high six fumbles and recorded a team-high 124 tackles last year. Veterans T.J. Carswell (77 tackles) and Jelani Jordan (84 tackles) are expected to elevate their play.

### Specialists

Brandon doesn't pull any punches about senior kicker Shaun Suisham. "(Shaun) was better two years ago than he was last year," says Brandon. "He needs to step it up." Suisham was 16-of-24 on field goals and 56-of-60 on extra points.

Punter Nate Fry did a solid job a year ago at 40.2 yards per kick, including some successful directional punting.

"We are always tweaking (special teams), trying to get an edge," said Brandon. "My philosophy is don't let them beat you, be sound, cover and protect."

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6 Jones, Brandon	WR	6'0"	169	So.	Gahanna, OH
16 Kennedy, Benjy	WR	6'1"	185	Fr.	Morris, IL
22 Lett, Derrick	WR	6'0"	172	Jr.	Pensacola, FL
21 Magner, Cole	WR	6'2"	183	Sr.	Palmer, AK
84 Martin, Justin	WR	5'10"	172	So.	Clyde, OH
8 McGrady, Cornelius	WR	6'3"	206	Sr.	Reynoldsburg, OH
89 Navarro, Steve	TE	6'2"	249	Jr.	Orland Park, IL
80 Norris, Kevin	WR	6'2"	188	So.	Detroit, MI
88 O'Drobinak, Sean	TE	6'4"	245	Fr.	Crown Point, IN
12 Sanders, Steve	WR	6'3"	200	Jr.	Cleveland, OH
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73 Huelsman, Kevin	OL	6'5"	275	Fr.	St. Henry, OH
82 Kokke, Pascal	OL	6'5"	257	Jr.	Calgary, AB
68 Lanning, John	OL	6'4"	289	So.	Alpharetta, GA
78 Lichtensteiger, Corey	OL	6'3"	295	Fr.	Van Wert, OH
70 Markray, Derrick	OL	6'5"	323	So.	Detroit, MI
66 Massey, Edmond	OL	6'3"	300	Fr.	Lorain, OH
79 Mruczkowski, Scott	OL	6'4"	315	Sr.	Garfield Heights, OH
64 Nystrom, Drew	OL	6'5"	285	Fr.	Crystal Lake, IL
72 Stanford, Andrew	OL	6'3"	277	Fr.	Toledo, OH
58 Warren, Rob	OL	6'6"	290	Jr.	Mentor, OH
65 Watson, Patrick	OL	6'5"	265	Fr.	Naperville, IL
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57 Parks, Devon	DE	6'3"	233	So.	Libertyville, IL
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52 Hollingsworth, Jason	LB	6'3"	205	Fr.	Marietta, GA
56 Johnson, Jamien	LB	6'1"	220	Jr.	Ft. Washington, MD
50 Kollar, Ross	LB	6'1"	225	So.	Youngstown, OH
49 Piepkow, Ted	LB	6'0"	220	Jr.	Clark Lake, MI
37 Reese, Jenkins	LB	6'3"	215	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
53 Sayles, Daniel	LB	5'11"	213	Sr.	Warner Robins, GA
26 Sharpe, Lavelle	LB	5'11"	205	Jr.	Akron, OH
96 Smith II, Thomas	LB	6'0"	260	So.	Cleveland Heights, OH
48 White, Terrel	LB	5'10"	215	So.	Wooster, OH

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45 Curran, Patrick	DB	6'1"	179	So.	Olmsted Falls, OH
81 Dyer, Joe	DB	6'0"	166	Jr.	Whitehall, OH
36 Hargrove, Loren	DB	5'11"	193	Fr.	Berea, OH
45 Jackson, Bryan	DB	5'11"	210	Fr.	Chicago, IL
95 Jakubowski, Jonathan	DB	5'11"	216	So.	Rossford, OH
27 Jordan, Jelani	DB	5'10"	175	Jr.	Atlanta, GA
20 Mayberry, Terrill	DB	5'11"	172	Jr.	Farmington Hills, MI
44 McCarroll, Landon	DB	5'10"	175	Fr.	Reynoldsburg, OH
14 Myles, Will	DB	5'11"	193	So.	Chicago, IL
17 Newson, Keon	DB	6'0"	184	Sr.	Decatur, GA
23 Nicholson, John	DB	5'9"	183	Jr.	Bolingbrook, IL
13 Perry, Deandre	DB	6'1"	195	Fr.	River Rouge, MI
35 Robinson IV, Virgil	DB	5'10"	185	Fr.	Akron, OH
33 Tolbert, Victor	DB	5'10"	195	Fr.	Columbus, OH

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WR*	12	Steve Sanders (Jr.)	84 Justin Martin (So.)
LT	62	Andrew Hart (Sr.)	64 Drew Nystrom (Fr.)
LG	58	Rob Warren (Jr.)	65 Patrick Watson (Fr.)
C	79	Scott Mruczkowski (Sr.)	78 Corey Lichtensteiger (Fr.)
RG	67	Andy Grubb (Sr.)	66 Edmond Massey (Fr.)
RT	55	Jonathan Culp (Jr.)	73 Kevin Huelsman (Fr.)
TE	89	Steve Navarro (Jr.)	42 Todd DiBacco (Sr.)
QB	4	Omar Jacobs (So.)	7 Van Johnson (So.)
TB	33	P.J. Pope (Jr.)	32 B.J. Lane (Jr.)

Defense (8)			
DE	90	Mitchell Crossley (Jr.)	98 Ryan Newble (Sr.)
NG	77	Mike Thaler (Jr.)	91 Monty Cooley (Jr.)
DT	94	Matt Leininger (Jr.)	92 Brad Williams (So.)
DE	57	Devon Parks (So.)	69 Brian Gardner (Sr.)
SLB	53	Daniel Sayles (Sr.)	48 Terrel White (So.)
MLB	3	Jovon Burkes (Sr.)	56 Jamien Johnson (Jr.)
WLB	49	Ted Piepkow (Jr.)	37 Jenkins Reese (Fr.)
CB	17	Keon Newson (Sr.)	20 Terrill Mayberry (Jr.)
CB	27	Jelani Jordan (Jr.)	28 Robert Browning (So.)
SS	25	Tim Arnold (Jr.)	31 Mike Crumpler (Jr.)
FS	9	T.J. Carswell (Sr.)	36 Loren Hargrove (Fr.)

Special Teams			
K	38	Shaun Suisham (Sr.)	KR 32 B.J. Lane (Jr.)
P	46	Nate Fry (Jr.)	PR 1 Charles Sharon (Jr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters

**BOLD** indicates returning starters

\*The 12 offensive players reflect Bowling Green's multiple formations

## 2004 Signees

Andrew Allen	LB	6'1"	215	Macomb, MI	Edwin Hood	RB	5'11"	185	Toledo, OH
Diyral Briggs	DL	6'4"	225	Mt. Healthy, OH	Aaron Kent	OL	6'6"	265	Zanesville, OH
Andrew Campbell	OL	6'4"	265	Indianapolis, IN	Lance Latkiewicz	DL	6'3"	285	Allen Park, MI
Brandon Curtis	DL	6'3"	280	Springfield, OH	Brandon Mack	DL	6'4"	245	Webster, NY
Nicholas Davis	DL	6'3"	280	Cincinnati, OH	Corey Partridge	DB	5'11"	180	Loveland, OH
Erique Dozier	DB	6'1"	195	Akron, OH	Joe Schaefer	LB	6'5"	215	Parma Heights, OH
Jeff Fink	DL	6'6"	260	Willoughby, OH	Anthony Turner	QB	6'3"	220	Dayton, OH
Scott Goodwin	DB	6'3"	195	Mentor, OH	Nate Waldron	DB	5'11"	200	Rochester, PA
John Haneline	LB	6'2"	235	North Olmsted, OH	Peter Winovich	QB	6'3"	230	Jefferson Hills, PA

Bowling Green loaded up on offensive and defensive linemen, but the eye-catchers in this class are running back Edwin Hood, quarterback Anthony Turner and quarterback/athlete Peter Winovich. Hood, out of Whitmer High School in Toledo, will be groomed to step in for P.J. Pope in two years. The Northwest Ohio Offensive Player of the Year, Hood rushed for 1,500 yards his senior campaign and was tabbed first-team All-Ohio. Departed Josh Harris is the yardstick by which future Bowling Green quarterbacks will be judged, and Brandon has landed two bright prospects in Turner and Winovich. Turner hails from Dayton Chaminade-Julienne High School, where he led the Eagles to a state championship as a junior. He completed 62 percent of his passes as a senior and threw for 2,200 yards and 21 scores as a junior. Winovich starred at Thomas Jefferson High School in Jefferson Hills, Pa. A quarterback and outside linebacker, he passed for more than 4,400 yards during his career and rushed for 15 touchdowns.

## 2003 Results — 11-3 (7-1 MAC)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 28	E. Kentucky	W	63-13
S. 6	at Purdue	W	27-26
S. 13	Liberty	W	62-3
S. 20	at Ohio State	L	17-24
O. 4	C. Michigan	W	23-3
O. 11	at W. Michigan	W	32-21
O. 18	at E. Michigan	W	33-20
O. 25	No. Illinois	W	34-18
N. 4	at Miami (OH)	L	10-33
N. 15	Kent State	W	42-33
N. 22	at Ball State	W	41-14
N. 29	Toledo	W	31-23
D. 4	@Miami (OH)	L	27-49
D. 26	#Northwestern	W	28-24

@MAC Championship Game  
 #Motor City Bowl

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Omar Jacobs, 28-19-345-0, 4 TDs  
**Rushing:** P.J. Pope, 191 car., 1,005 yds., 10 TDs  
**Receiving:** Cole Magner, 99 rec., 1,138 yds., 10 TDs  
**Scoring:** Shaun Suisham, 16 FGs, 56 XPs, 104 points  
**Punting:** Nate Fry, 49 punts, 40.2 avg.  
**Kicking:** Shaun Suisham, 16-24 FGs, 56-60 XPs, 104 points  
**Tackles:** Keon Newson, 124, 78 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Mitchell Crossley, 11.5 for 55 yds.  
**Sacks:** Mitchell Crossley, 9  
**Interceptions:** 3 players with 1 INT  
**Kickoff returns:** Cole Magner, 18 ret., 19.8 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Charles Sharon, 31 ret., 8.8 avg.





**B**rian Kelly, fresh off back-to-back Division II national titles at Grand Valley State University, arrived at CMU in December and immediately began the difficult task of infusing a championship spirit into a program that hasn't had a winning record since 1998.

Kelly coached at Grand Valley State for 13 years and never suffered through a losing season. CMU's struggles don't faze Kelly, who has kept his expectations high despite his new surroundings. "People have called me crazy, but I expect CMU to make a run at the MAC championship," he says. "First we need to break some bad habits."

That starts with fixing a defense that allowed 501.8 yards per game last season. Kelly's optimism will help, as will his aggressive defensive alignments and spread offense. He's set his sights on the season-opener against Indiana to unleash the Chippewas' new attitude. "Winning the opener would be huge for this team," Kelly says. "This team needs to have success."

### Quarterbacks

A decision on who will lead the Chippewas offense won't come until August. Jeff Perry, who injured his knee after starting the first four games in 2003, has decided not to return for a fifth season, which means Kelly will have to rely on redshirt freshman Nick Gildersleeve, senior Grant Arnoldink or junior Kent Smith. Arnoldink completed 9-of-21 passes for 103 yards in limited duty last season.

### Running Backs

Luckily, running back is a little more solidified for CMU. Jerry Seymour earned Freshman All-America honors after rushing for 1,117 yards and eight touchdowns in just nine games. His back-up, Spencer Lewis, gained just 18 yards last season.



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**Jerry Seymour**

### Receivers

Someone will need to step up to offer Justin Harper some help at receiver. Harper caught 45 passes for 441 yards and two touchdowns in 2003, accounting for nearly 25 percent of all receptions by CMU receivers. Scott Gibson, Damien Linson and Jacob Brown will offer depth, but the trio combined for just 28 receptions last season.

"We have a lot of guys who look great getting off the bus," Kelly says. "Now they need to look great on the field."

Tight end Tory Humphrey will offer a solid receiving outlet for CMU. He caught 14 balls last year.

### NUMBERS GAME

**10** Senior James King, who is making the move from safety to linebacker this fall, has 10 career blocks on special teams.

### Offensive Linemen

CMU is solid in the trenches. Adam Kieft offers experience and credentials. The left tackle took home second-team all-conference accolades last year and is being counted on by Kelly to lead the line. He'll team up with returning starters Jeff Jenerou, Drew Mormino and center Eric Ghiaciuc to give CMU a solid foundation up front. Sophomore Joe Staley, a former tight end, will round out the group.

### Defensive Linemen

Dan Bazuin will be asked to wreak havoc again in opposing teams' backfields. Bazuin had six sacks and 14 tackles for a loss en route to second-team Freshmen All-America honors from his defensive end position. William Brookshire will find time at defensive end after starting last season, but sophomore Michael Ogle will likely start opposite Bazuin. Junior college recruit Temirez Williams is penciled in at tackle, and returning starter Tony Thompson will continue to anchor the frontline.

### Linebackers

One of the more talented defensive players for CMU, James King, will move from safety to drop linebacker to get him involved in more plays. King has accumulated 329 career stops. Two returning starters, seniors Anthony Tyus Jr. and Jon Nelson, will play alongside King.

### Defensive Backs

Three of the four starters from last season's defensive backfield return (and that doesn't include King), but that may not be a good thing. The Chippewas gave up 256 yards per game through the air in 2003. Cornerbacks Marlin Maxwell and Richard Kiel will return to positions they held last year.

Tyrone Kelly will play rover and Orlando Walton will be the only newcomer in the backfield, taking over for King at free safety. Walton has plenty of game experience after playing in 11 games last year.

### Specialists

Mike Gruzowski returns after hitting 4-of-6 field goals and all 35 extra-point attempts last season. He will be a steady influence for CMU. Freshman Tony Mikulec is the likely replacement at punter for departed senior Brian Brandt.

Harper handled both kickoff and punt return duties last season. That probably won't change.



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## 2004 Central Michigan Roster

## Projected Depth Chart

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
17 Arnoldink, Grant	QB	6'4"	220	Sr.	Holland, MI
Draughn, George	QB	6'0"	190	So.	Eastpointe, MI
16 Gildersleeve, Nick	QB	6'1"	185	Fr.	Monroe, MI
8 Martin, Erich	QB	6'4"	190	Fr.	Ft. Wayne, IN
McGuire, Steven	QB	6'4"	205	Fr.	Martin, MI
14 Smith, Kent	QB	6'5"	205	Jr.	Toledo, OH

Running Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
6 Brown, Isaac	HB	6'1"	190	So.	Saginaw, MI
40 Flint, Jacob	HB	5'7"	172	Jr.	Shepherd, MI
3 Flowers, Ramono	HB	5'10"	190	Fr.	Largo, MD
13 Gailliard, Lance	HB	5'11"	185	Jr.	Detroit, MI
Laakko, Adam	FB	6'1"	232	Sr.	Pelkie, MI
37 Lewis, Spencer	HB	5'10"	225	Jr.	Lathrup Village, MI
42 Lindstrom, Bryan	FB	6'0"	230	Sr.	White Lake, MI
48 Peyer, Troy	RB	6'0"	230	Jr.	Kimball, MI
19 Pryce, Mike	HB	5'10"	190	Jr.	Punta Gorda, FL
15 Seymour, Jerry	HB	5'8"	190	So.	Miramar, FL

Receivers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
2 Brown, Jacob	WR	6'2"	205	Sr.	Saginaw, MI
1 Cétoute Genaille, Obad	WR	6'3"	200	So.	Montreal, PQ
84 Condeni, Dave	TE	6'4"	230	So.	Farmington Hills, MI
86 Gardner, Justin	WR	6'1"	180	Fr.	Kalamazoo, MI
80 Gibson, Scott	WR	6'3"	185	Jr.	Jefferson, WI
5 Harper, Justin	WR	5'11"	185	Jr.	Abilene, TX
Hill, Michael	TE	6'1"	240	Fr.	Melvindale, MI
85 Humphrey, Tory	TE	6'3"	240	Sr.	Saginaw, MI
12 Jasmin, Jemmy	WR	5'9"	175	Fr.	Miami, FL
86 Kurzen, Dave	TE	6'6"	252	Sr.	Massillon, OH
82 Linson, Damien	WR	6'0"	175	So.	Plymouth, NC
85 Petzke, Jacob	WR	6'1"	185	Fr.	Boulder, CO
89 Witherspoon, Jovan	WR	6'3"	205	Sr.	Ft. Wayne, IN

Offensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
65 Decker, Mike	OL	6'4"	265	Fr.	Rochester Hills, MI
63 Gamboney, Pat	OL	6'3"	280	Fr.	Chicago, IL
69 Ghiaciu, Eric	C	6'3"	295	Sr.	Oxford, MI
75 Golba, Troy	OL	6'4"	290	So.	Trenton, MI
54 Harris, Desmond	T	6'4"	285	Fr.	Detroit, MI
72 Jenerou, Jeff	G	6'7"	297	Jr.	Manistique, MI
64 Karbowski, Eric	G/C	6'3"	286	So.	Standish, MI
70 Kieft, Adam	T	6'7"	320	Sr.	Rockford, MI
78 Mormino, Drew	G	6'4"	275	So.	Buffalo Grove, IL
71 Raffaeli, Michael	OL	6'5"	290	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
87 Staley, Joseph	T	6'5"	320	So.	Rockford, MI
59 Stanger, Bo	OL	6'4"	320	So.	Hamilton, OH
77 Zarafonitis, Dean	G/T	6'4"	310	Jr.	Grand Rapids, MI
79 Zukoff, Brandon	T	6'5"	300	Fr.	Grand Blanc, MI

Defensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
96 Anthony, Caleb	DT	6'4"	270	Jr.	Ludington, MI
93 Bazuin, Dan	DE	6'3"	250	So.	McBain, MI
55 Brookshire, William	DE	6'3"	250	Sr.	Twin Lake, MI
67 Cooper, James	DT	5'11"	265	Jr.	Detroit, MI
99 Muragin, Kalani	DT	6'2"	280	Sr.	Orlando, FL
52 Ogle, Michael	DE	6'2"	230	So.	Caledonia, MI
97 Petty, Damon	DE	6'4"	270	So.	Detroit, MI
54 Rogers, Anthony	DL	6'1"	240	Fr.	Saginaw, MI
76 Thompson, Tony	DT	6'1"	290	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
95 Tunney, Eric	DE	6'3"	240	Fr.	Alger, MI

Linebackers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
47 Bent, Deno	LB	6'2"	230	So.	Scarborough, ON
58 Burnam, De'Onte	LB	6'0"	230	Fr.	Vienna, GA
34 Colen, Omari	LB	6'1"	205	Sr.	Lathrup Village, MI
42 Doman, Victor	LB	6'2"	225	Fr.	Ann Arbor, MI
41 Keith, Thomas	LB	6'1"	225	Fr.	Franklin, GA
24 King, James	SLB	6'1"	215	Sr.	Oak Park, MI
26 Nelson, Jon	WLB	6'1"	220	Sr.	Lake Zurich, IL
51 Reardon, Josh	LB	6'1"	220	Sr.	Sturgis, MI
39 Reese, Jimmy	MLB	6'1"	225	Jr.	Brighton, MI
44 Smith, Jason	SLB	6'1"	200	Jr.	Detroit, MI
45 Tyus Jr., Anthony	MLB	5'11"	225	Sr.	Lansing, MI
57 Williams, Leythton	WLB	6'0"	225	So.	Detroit, MI

Defensive Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
38 Archie, Charles	CB	6'0"	190	So.	Grand Rapids, MI
31 Cutts, Curtis	FS	6'1"	205	Fr.	Ford City, PA
30 Dailey, Jesse	CB	5'10"	180	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
20 Gorman, Matt	SS	6'1"	210	So.	Novi, MI
49 Hazamy, James	DB	6'0"	175	Fr.	Dearborn, MI
32 Holoman, Derrick	CB	5'10"	180	Sr.	Midland, MI
8 Kelly, Tyrone	SS	6'1"	190	So.	Detroit, MI
27 Kiel, Richard	CB	5'10"	180	Sr.	Detroit, MI
46 Kress, Doug	SS	6'2"	200	So.	Lapeer, MI
33 Maxwell, Marlin	CB	5'9"	175	Jr.	Detroit, MI
45 Radtke, Tyler	SS	6'1"	190	So.	Griffith, IN
23 Raymond, Fabrice	CB	5'10"	180	Jr.	Lachine, PQ
17 Robinson, Terrance	DB	5'9"	180	Fr.	Flint, MI
50 Scott, Dexter	SS	6'2"	210	So.	Detroit, MI
29 Strehl, Ryan	FS	6'1"	185	Fr.	Mattawan, MI
22 Thomas, Mike	FS	5'8"	189	Sr.	Ft. Myers, FL
28 Walton, Orlando	FS	6'0"	190	So.	Muskegon, MI

Specialists	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
DeCourval, Greg	K	6'0"	170	Fr.	Bad Axe, MI
19 Foster, Matt	K	6'0"	170	So.	Lowell, MI
43 Gruzowski, Mike	K	5'8"	165	Jr.	Shelby Township, MI
47 Knudson, Craig	LS	6'0"	210	So.	Royal Oak, MI
31 Mikulec, Tony	K	5'10"	180	Fr.	Highland, MI

Offense (7)			
WR	5	Justin Harper (Jr.)	82 Damien Linson (So.)
WR	2	Jacob Brown (Sr.)	89 Jovan Witherspoon (Sr.)
WR*	80	Scott Gibson (Jr.)	85 Jacob Petzke (Fr.)
LT	70	Adam Kieft (Sr.)	79 Brandon Zukoff (Fr.)
LG	78	Drew Mormino (So.)	64 Eric Karbowski (So.)
C	69	Eric Ghiaciu (Sr.)	64 Eric Karbowski (So.)
RG	72	Jeff Jenerou (Jr.)	77 Dean Zarafonitis (Jr.)
RT	87	Joe Staley (So.)	77 Dean Zarafonitis (Jr.)
TE	85	Tory Humphrey (Sr.)	84 Dave Condeni (So.)
QB	17	Grant Arnoldink (Sr.)	16 Nick Gildersleeve (Fr.)
FB	48	Troy Peyer (Jr.)	42 Bryan Lindstrom (Sr.)
HB	15	Jerry Seymour (So.)	37 Spencer Lewis (Jr.)

Defense (9)			
DE	52	Michael Ogle (So.)	55 William Brookshire (Sr.)
DT		Temirez Williams (Jr.)	97 Damon Petty (So.)
DT	76	Tony Thompson (Jr.)	99 Kalani Muragin (Sr.)
DE	93	Dan Bazuin (So.)	55 William Brookshire (Sr.)
SLB	24	James King (Sr.)	44 Jason Smith (Jr.)
MLB	45	Anthony Tyus Jr. (Sr.)	39 Jimmy Reese (Jr.)
WLB	26	Jon Nelson (Sr.)	57 Leythton Williams (So.)
CB	27	Richard Kiel (Sr.)	32 Derrick Holoman (Sr.)
CB	33	Marlin Maxwell (Jr.)	30 Jesse Dailey (Jr.)
Rov	8	Tyrone Kelly (So.)	20 Matt Gorman (So.)
FS	28	Orlando Walton (So.)	22 Mike Thomas (Sr.)

Special Teams					
P	31	Tony Mikulec (Fr.)	PR	5	Justin Harper (Jr.)
K	43	Mike Gruzowski (Jr.)	KR	5	Justin Harper (Jr.)

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**BOLD** indicates returning starters  
 \*The 12 offensive starters reflect CMU's multiple formations

## 2004 Signees

Antoine Archer	LB	6'3"	210	Tennille, GA	Andrew Hartline	OL	6'5"	275	Baroda, MI
Raeshon Ball	DB	5'9"	170	Stone Mtn., GA	Vince Hicks	DB	5'11"	180	Southfield, MI
Mark Barbaglia	OL	6'5"	270	W. Windsor, NJ	Pacino Horne	DB	6'1"	185	Willow Run, MI
Adam Benke	OL	6'6"	270	Stevensville, MI	Ronnie Jackson	DB	5'10"	155	Warner Robins, GA
Chris Boss	DL	6'4"	225	Sandersville, GA	Jon Lapsley	WR	6'3"	200	Fort Wayne, IN
Evan Brownie	RB	6'3"	225	Petoskey, MI	Darren Martin	WR	6'4"	180	New Orleans, LA
Brian Brunner	QB	6'3"	215	Hubertus, WI	Philip Telfer	DL	6'4"	235	Lake Worth, FL
Andrew Cribbs	OL	6'5"	265	Muskegon, MI	Temirez Williams	DL	6'3"	270	Albany, GA
Steve Friend	DL	6'4"	255	Grand Rapids, MI					

Kelly had to scramble to secure re-commitments from the players who had originally committed to former head coach Mike DeBord. The class is small, 17 players, but CMU has a potential gem in quarterback Brian Brunner of Hubertus, Wisconsin. A four-year starter at Hartford Union, Brunner is the son of a coach and a two-time all-state selection. He finished his career with 451 completions in 737 attempts for 5,616 yards and 67 scores. Look for defensive lineman Temirez Williams, a transfer from Ranger (Texas) Junior College, to make an immediate impact, and possibly start. He enrolled last January and participated in spring practice. Five of the 17 players signed were listed on *Detroit Free Press* recruiting guru Mick McCabe's "Fab 50" Michigan recruits. Raeshon Ball, who is the brother of Georgia Tech quarterback and ACC Freshman of the Year, Reggie Ball, is a 5'9" cornerback who provides speed.

## 2003 Results — 3-9 (1-7 MAC)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 30	at Michigan	L	7-45
S. 6	New Hampshire	W	40-33
S. 13	Eastern Kentucky	W	42-41
S. 20	at Ball State	L	14-27
O. 4	at Bowling Green	L	3-23
O. 11	Northern Illinois	L	24-40
O. 18	Toledo	L	13-31
O. 25	at UCF	L	13-31
N. 1	E. Michigan	W	38-10
N. 8	Akron	L	28-40
N. 15	at Western Michigan	L	21-44
N. 22	at Navy	L	34-63

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Grant Arnoldink, 21-9-103-0, 1 TD  
**Rushing:** Jerry Seymour, 205 car., 1,117 yds., 8 TDs  
**Receiving:** Justin Harper, 45 rec., 441 yds., 2 TDs  
**Scoring:** Jerry Seymour, 8 TDs, 48 points  
**Punting:** None  
**Kicking:** Mike Gruzowski, 4-6 FGs, 35-35 XPs, 47 points  
**Tackles:** James King, 143, 103 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Daniel Bazuin, 14 for 53 yds.  
**Sacks:** James King, 6, Dan Bazuin, 6  
**Interceptions:** Marlin Maxwell, 2 for 24 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** Justin Harper, 33 ret., 19.6 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Justin Harper, 15 ret., 5.7 avg.





**J**eff Genyk, a long-time assistant at Northwestern, takes over in Ypsilanti and brings with him a new attitude — along with new offensive and defensive schemes. Genyk, who recruited the greater Detroit area for the Wildcats, is no stranger to southeastern Michigan. A finalist for the top job at Bowling Green three years ago, Genyk is now getting his chance to rebuild a program that hasn't won a MAC title since 1987 or had a winning season since 1995.

Genyk does have some talent to work with at EMU — tailback Anthony Sherrell is an All-MAC performer and placekicker Andrew Wellock is a Lou Groza Award candidate. Add in a quarterback prospect who transferred from Iowa and arguably the Eagles' best recruiting class in recent memory, and there is reason for optimism in Ypsilanti for the first time in many years.

### Quarterbacks

Matt Bohnet, who began his career at Iowa, is ready to lead EMU's new spread offense. Considering the Eagles averaged just 153.7 passing yards per game last season, Bohnet should provide a major upgrade. "Matt is the strongest player on this team with a 430-pound bench press along with 4.6 40 speed," says Genyk. "He is a real leader and a great fit for this new spread offense."

Bohner's younger brother Ken is the backup.

### Running Backs

Sherrell, a first-team All-MAC pick last fall, returns after serving as the workhorse for the Eagles' offense. Sherrell rushed for 1,531 yards on a league-high 338 carries. Reserve Nelson Drew is a bigger back who "is showing us glimpses of his talents," says Genyk. Nate Brooks, Marlon Galbreath and Kaliym Hazel provide depth.



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**Keyvon Barbee**

### Receivers

The coaching staff feels the strength of the team is the receiving corps — and Genyk has plenty of options for three- and four-wide sets. "Players must adapt to the quick pace of this new offense, and we have great depth here with six or seven guys who can get it done," he says.

There is enough depth at receiver that Chris R. Roberson, who led the Eagles with 338 yards, has moved to cornerback. Eric Deslauriers, Chris Talley, A.J. Bennett, Alonzo Harris, LaGarian Houston and Trumaine Riley all have experience.

### NUMBERS GAME

**270.5** Eastern Michigan was dead last in the MAC last year in total offense, averaging just 270.5 yards per game.

### Offensive Linemen

EMU welcomes back four starters on the offensive line — Tom Kaleita, Jason Robert, Mike Romelli and Scott Golem, though Romelli has been moved from guard to center. The development of this line is going to be critical to the success of the new offensive scheme. The Eagles gave up 40 sacks last season, a league high.

### Defensive Linemen

The defensive line returns three starters and six other lettermen, but those nine returnees average just 6'2", 264 pounds per man. "We've got to get bigger and stronger in this area and that is why we recruited it so hard this year," Genyk says.

Matt Kudu, Eric Pettway and Matt Lisek return as starters, along with proven Olivier Gagnon-Gordillo. The coaching staff is expecting four true freshmen to compete for playing time: DeMarko Hughes, Jason Jones, John Bobrowski and Greg Egbuogu.

### Linebackers

EMU must replace its best defensive player, David Lusky, a first-team All-MAC pick who led the conference in total tackles last year. The Eagles do return two very productive linebackers in Keyvon Barbee, who finished second on the team with 109 tackles last season, and Kevin Harrison, the third-leading tackler. This dynamic duo should flourish even more in Eastern's new 4-3 defensive scheme.

### Defensive Backs

Roberson makes the big position change from wide receiver to cornerback. He will add some much-needed speed to the defensive backfield, along with an ability to make the big play.

"We want our defense to be able to score points and we want our defensive backs to be more physical and become head-hunters," Genyk says.

The Eagles return three other experienced corners in Geoffrey Pope, the fastest player on the team, Steven Lewis and Michael Woods. The safety spots are secure with returning lettermen Jerry Gaines and Rontrell Woodruff.

### Specialists

Wellock returns after a sensational freshman season in which he connected on 14-of-17 field goals and all 23 extra points. He was a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award. Wellock will likely handle the punting this year as well since three-year starter David Rysko graduated.



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Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
16 Bohnet, Ken	QB	6'4"	212	So.	Grand Ledge, MI
11 Bohnet, Matt	QB	6'2"	219	Jr.	Grand Ledge, MI
19 Ceckiewicz, Brian	QB	6'2"	197	Fr.	Westland, MI
12 Cranor, Kory	QB	5'11"	195	Fr.	Blissfield, MI
8 Crooks, Jeff	QB	6'0"	210	Sr.	Cypress, CA

Running Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
35 Brooks, Nate	TB	5'8"	180	Sr.	Ypsilanti, MI
43 Cook, Justin	RB	5'8"	211	So.	Farmington Hills, MI
25 Drew, Nelson	RB	5'11"	208	Jr.	Newark, DE
23 Galbreath, Marlon	TB	5'10"	200	Fr.	Cleveland, OH
3 Hamilton-Jacobs, Andrew	RB	5'11"	175	Fr.	Miami, FL
12 Hazel, Kaliym	RB	5'8"	192	Jr.	Hackensack, NJ
Oldham, Labron	RB	5'11"	210	So.	Ferrndale, MI
22 Sherrell, Anthony	TB	5'9"	193	Sr.	Roseville, MI
4 Walker, Pierre	TB	5'7"	195	So.	Detroit, MI

Receivers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
81 Bennett, A.J.	WR	5'9"	193	Jr.	Delray Beach, FL
1 Deslauriers, Eric	WR/QB	6'4"	201	So.	Gatineau, PQ
27 Evans, Dane	WR	6'1"	193	Fr.	Cleveland, OH
84 Fugate, Dan	WR	6'1"	190	So.	Dundee, MI
15 Harris, Alonzo	WR	6'1"	194	Sr.	Chicago, IL
7 Horton, Kyle	WR	5'10"	190	So.	Cleveland, OH
7 Houston, LaGarian	WR	5'6"	151	Jr.	Immokalee, FL
88 Howe, Kevin	TE	6'2"	236	Jr.	Fruitport, MI
48 Jacobs, Adam	TE/H	6'2"	224	Sr.	East Lansing, MI
17 Lewis, Travis	WR	6'2"	191	Fr.	Kalamazoo, MI
87 Lowe II, Greg	WR	6'0"	176	Fr.	Shaker Heights, OH
80 Mathieu, Marc	WR	5'11"	197	Sr.	Tucson, AZ
41 Minor, Kevin	TE/H	6'2"	246	So.	Flint, MI
83 Parrish, Dan	TE	6'2"	224	Jr.	Rockwood, MI
86 Pernell, Jerrue	WR	5'10"	198	So.	Ypsilanti, MI
85 Riley, Trumaine	WR	5'7"	161	So.	Akron, OH
89 Riske, Josh	TE/H	6'5"	253	So.	Hanover, MI
5 Talley, Chris	WR	5'11"	181	Sr.	Romulus, MI

Offensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
78 Booth, Brian	C	6'3"	278	Jr.	Waterville, OH
60 Feuchter, Jeromie	G	6'4"	316	Sr.	Cuba, NY
65 Godbold, Steven	G/C	6'1"	265	Sr.	University Heights, OH
74 Golem, Scott	T	6'5"	285	Sr.	Dearborn, MI
64 Harris, Roshawn	G	5'10"	280	So.	Southfield, MI
75 Kaleita, Tom	T	6'5"	318	Sr.	Kingsley, MI
67 Karaska, Joe	G	6'2"	321	So.	Southfield, MI
56 Robert, Jason	G	6'3"	292	Jr.	Troy, MI
62 Romelli, Mike	C	6'2"	296	Jr.	Chicago Heights, IL
71 Thomas, Chris	T	6'4"	331	Fr.	Carlisle, PA
66 Tucker, Mario	T	6'3"	318	Sr.	Ypsilanti, MI
63 Walton, Khalid	G	6'4"	320	Fr.	Southfield, MI

Defensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
91 Baker, Brandon	DT	6'3"	288	Jr.	Bedford Heights, OH
61 Cowser, Gemayel	DE	6'2"	263	Jr.	Chicago, IL
96 Ford, Courtney	DL	6'4"	271	So.	Wilmington, DE
90 Gagnon-Gordillo, Olivier	DE	6'2"	240	Jr.	Charlesburg, PQ
95 Kudu, Matt	DT	6'2"	272	Sr.	Mississauga, ON
92 Lisek, Matt	DE	6'2"	251	Jr.	Chicago Ridge, IL
98 McLean, Josh	DL	6'1"	257	Fr.	Dearborn Heights, MI
97 Pettway, Eric	DT	6'1"	262	Sr.	Southfield, MI
70 Suszan, Nick	DL	6'2"	268	Sr.	Gulf Breeze, FL
52 Watkins, Brandon	DE	6'1"	241	So.	Cleveland, OH
76 Williams, Nathan	DL	6'1"	278	Fr.	Cleveland, OH
99 Woods, Reggie	DT	6'2"	287	So.	Columbus, OH

Linebackers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
21 Barbee, Keyvon	WLB	5'9"	215	Sr.	Pontiac, MI
45 Bednarik, Steven	MLB	6'1"	226	Jr.	St. Helen, MI
18 Harrison, Kevin	MLB	6'0"	246	Sr.	Belleville, MI
44 Lloyd, Brad	LB	5'10"	220	Jr.	Durham, NC
94 Radcliffe, Frank	LB	5'11"	240	Fr.	Saline, MI
51 Raupp, Mike	SLB	5'11"	213	Fr.	Huron Township, MI
13 Riley, Corey	SLB	6'1"	210	Fr.	Boynton Beach, FL
9 Wester, John	WLB	6'1"	235	Jr.	Romulus, MI

Defensive Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
30 Bryant, Zedrick	FS	6'0"	190	Fr.	Immokalee, FL
32 Gaines, Jerry	FS	6'1"	185	Sr.	Canton, MI
39 Isaac, Jermaine	DB	5'6"	189	Fr.	Detroit, MI
38 Jones, Kris	DB	5'10"	182	So.	Detroit, MI
33 Lewis, Steven	CB	5'8"	160	Jr.	Toledo, OH
47 Neely, John	DB	6'0"	190	Fr.	Detroit, MI
24 Parker, Corey	SS	6'0"	189	Sr.	Detroit, MI
14 Perry, Jereme	DB	6'0"	195	Sr.	Saginaw, MI
20 Pope, Geoffrey	CB	5'11"	182	Fr.	Detroit, MI
6 Roberson, Chris R.	CB	5'11"	185	Sr.	Farmington Hills, MI
36 Woodruff, Rontrell	SS	5'10"	201	Sr.	Southfield, MI
8 Woods, Michael	CB	5'10"	181	Sr.	Romulus, MI

Specialists	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
31 Brudenell, Marten	P	5'10"	182	Jr.	Troy, MI
46 Ingraham, Kyle	P	6'1"	209	Fr.	Rosford, OH
29 Klaban, Brian	K	5'8"	178	Jr.	West Bloomfield, MI
37 Obren, Kevin	K	6'2"	204	Jr.	Edwardsburg, MI
53 Topolinski, Jerry	LS	6'1"	220	Fr.	Grand Blanc, MI
40 Wellock, Andrew	K	5'10"	173	So.	Canton, OH

## Projected Depth Chart

Offense (7)				
WR	1	Eric Deslauriers (So.)	27	Dane Evans (Fr.)
WR	5	Chris Talley (Sr.)	15	Alonzo Harris (Sr.)
WR	81	A.J. Bennett (Jr.)	7	LaGarian Houston (Jr.)
LT	75	Tom Kaleita (Sr.)	66	Mario Tucker (Sr.)
LG	63	Khalid Walton (Fr.)	67	Joe Karaska (So.)
C	62	Mike Romelli (Jr.)	65	Steve Godbold (Sr.)
RG	56	Jason Robert (Jr.)	60	Jeromie Feuchter (Sr.)
RT	71	Chris Thomas (Fr.)	74	Scott Golem (Sr.)
TE	48	Adam Jacobs (Sr.)	88	Kevin Howe (Jr.)
QB	11	Matt Bohnet (Jr.)	16	Ken Bohnet (So.)
TB	22	Anthony Sherrell (Sr.)	25	Nelson Drew (Jr.)

Defense (9)				
DE	90	Olivier Gagnon-Gordillo (Jr.)	52	Brandon Watkins (So.)
DT	95	Matt Kudu (Sr.)	99	Reggie Woods (So.)
DT	97	Eric Pettway (Sr.)	91	Brandon Baker (Jr.)
DE	92	Matt Lisek (Jr.)	61	Gemayel Cowser (Jr.)
WLB	21	Keyvon Barbee (Sr.)	9	John Wester (Jr.)
MLB	18	Kevin Harrison (Sr.)	45	Steven Bednarik (Jr.)
SLB	13	Corey Riley (Fr.)	51	Mike Raupp (Fr.)
CB	33	Steven Lewis (Jr.)	20	Geoffrey Pope (Fr.)
CB	6	Chris R. Roberson (Sr.)	8	Michael Woods (Sr.)
FS	32	Jerry Gaines (Sr.)	30	Zedrick Bryant (Fr.)
SS	36	Rontrell Woodruff (Sr.)	24	Corey Parker (Sr.)

Special Teams					
K	40	Andrew Wellock (So.)	KR	85	Trumaine Riley (So.)
P	40	Andrew Wellock (So.)	PR	85	Trumaine Riley (So.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters  
**BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 Signees

Victor Alejo	DB	5'11"	170	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Jason Jones	DL	6'5"	215	Southfield, MI
Jake Bleeker	OL	6'7"	285	Plainwell, MI	Tyler Jones	QB	6'3"	190	Belleville, MI
John Bobrowski	DL	6'4"	240	Wyandotte, MI	Chris Larkins	DL	6'3"	260	Hollywood, FL
Duan Bracey	DB	5'11"	190	Detroit, MI	McKenzie Lyons	LB	6'3"	225	Detroit, MI
Joe Charles	DL	6'2"	280	Coral Springs, FL	Darran Matthews	RB	6'1"	215	Redford, MI
Greg Ebuogu	DL	6'3"	290	Belleville, MI	Desi Mayner	OL	6'3"	250	Linden, MI
Tyler Griffin	DB	5'10"	175	Columbus, OH	Donald Murrell	OL	6'4"	310	Southfield, MI
Brian Guimon	OL	6'5"	285	Elmhurst, IL	Ross Peterson	OL	6'7"	295	Homewood, IL
Jason Headen	LB	6'4"	215	Detroit, MI	Cortlan Selman	DB	6'1"	215	Beverly Hills, MI
DeMarko Hughes	OL	6'4"	295	Detroit, MI	Blake Smith	QB	6'2"	180	Detroit, MI
Derek Incarnati	QB	6'1"	180	Fenton, MI	Kyle Wasson	DB	5'11"	185	Romulus, MI

EMU signed 22 players in Jeff Genyk's first class, 16 from Michigan, including 13 from the greater Detroit area. This was by design. "We want that 'Motown toughness' in this program," says Genyk, "just like the Detroit Pistons of the late 1980s." EMU landed several impact players, most notably defensive tackle DeMarko Hughes, who earned the top lineman award at the University of Michigan camp last summer. The defensive line was the area of emphasis in this class. Along with Hughes, Greg Egbuogu (6'3", 290) and Joe Charles (6'2", 285) should add bulk and strength to a current defensive line that averages less than 270 pounds per man. Egbuogu had a late offer from Purdue. Kyle Wasson, another Detroit-area player, chose to stay close to home rather than sign with Northwestern or Iowa. Offensive tackle Ross Peterson, a top 100 rated prospect in Illinois, could be another impact player.

## 2003 Results — 3-9 (2-6 MAC)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 28	East Tennessee St.	W	28-21
S. 4	Western Illinois	L	12-34
S. 13	at Akron	L	17-24
S. 20	at Navy	L	7-39
S. 27	Maryland	L	13-37
O. 4	Western Michigan	L	3-31
O. 11	at Toledo	L	14-49
O. 18	Bowling Green	L	20-33
N. 1	at Central Michigan	L	10-38
N. 8	UCF	W	19-13
N. 15	Ball State	W	38-14
N. 22	at Northern Illinois	L	24-38

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Ken Bohnet, 68-39-400-5, 1 TD  
**Rushing:** Anthony Sherrell, 338 car., 1,531 yds., 12 TDs  
**Receiving:** Anthony Sherrell, 44 rec., 304 yds., 1 TD  
**Scoring:** Anthony Sherrell, 13 TDs, 78 points  
**Punting:** None  
**Kicking:** Andrew Wellock, 14-17 FGs, 23-23 XPs, 65 points  
**Tackles:** Keyvon Barbee, 109, 40 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Kevin Harrison, 9 for 33 yds.  
**Sacks:** Kevin Harrison, 3  
**Interceptions:** Rontrell Woodruff, 1 for 0 yds.  
**Michael Woods, 1 for 5 yds.**  
**Kickoff returns:** Trumaine Riley, 41 ret., 17.7 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Trumaine Riley, 15 ret., 10.4 avg.





**N**orthern Illinois coach Joe Novak is a realist. Equaling last year just isn't plausible, even with two nationally televised home games on the slate. "We had a great season," Novak says. "Last year's senior class might be the most productive senior class we've had. It was a season for the record books."

The Huskies won their first seven games en route to a 10-2 record, recording wins over BCS members Maryland, Alabama and Iowa State. Northern Illinois opened up 10th in the first Bowl Championship Series standings. The dream season ended with road losses at Bowling Green and Toledo. The loss of four all-conference players to injuries led to the late collapse, which spoiled chances for the school's first bowl bid in 20 years.

The Huskies lost four assistant coaches in the off-season, including their offensive and defensive coordinators, but welcome back a wealth of firepower with 13 returning starters.

### Quarterbacks

Senior Josh Haldi may not be flashy, but he specializes in winning. His combination of intelligence, leadership and durability provides stability for a young NIU offense. He owns an 18-6 mark as a starter and set school records for passing attempts, completions, yardage and touchdowns last year. Sophomore Phil Horvath headlines a talented group of backups.

### Running Backs

The Huskies like to emphasize the run and have produced six 1,000-yard rushers in eight years, most notably Michael "The Burner" Turner, who blazed his way to the 13th spot on the NCAA major college career rushing list (4,941 yards).

Replacing Turner is the main priority. Junior A.J. Harris has shown flashes and appears capable of handling the bulk of the rushing load. But unlike the last few years, the Huskies might

employ a running back-by-committee format. Adrian Davis, Garrett Wolfe and Cas Prime join a crowded running back corps. "We should have an excellent backfield," says new offensive coordinator John Bond. "We've got big, bruising backs and shorter backs who are fast and can change angles in a heartbeat."

### Receivers

The influx of talented receivers gives the Huskies an added dimension to their run-oriented offensive philosophy. Senior Dan Sheldon returns after missing the final seven games due to an elbow injury. Sam Hurd and Shatone Powers have the talent to have breakout seasons. The threesome figures to be one of the best combinations in the conference, but P.J. Fleck, an all-conference pick last fall, will be difficult to replace.

### NUMBERS GAME

**44** *The Northern Illinois defense has intercepted 44 passes over the past two seasons, the most of any Mid-American Conference team.*

### Offensive Linemen

The line lost all-conference center Todd Ghilani, but welcomes back four starters. Senior tackle Jake VerStraete is the veteran of the group. Junior Jake Ebenhoch and sophomores Doug Free and Matt Rogers combine with Brian Van Acker to form a solid core of blockers.

### Defensive Linemen

The line lacks experience and size. Defensive end Travis Moore missed the majority of last season due to ankle and knee injuries. The former all-conference player joins Martin Wilson as the only players with significant experience as starters.

Quince Holman, Eric Pittman and Justin McIntyre will be asked to fill the void left by the graduation of three starters. Kursten Strothman, a reserve linebacker, was moved to defensive end during the spring. He will get a long look during fall camp.

### Linebackers

The strength of the defense is in the linebacking corps. Brian Atkinson, known on the team as "The Beast," moves from the outside to the middle to replace three-year starter Nick Duffy. Jason Hawkins and Javan Lee provide experience.

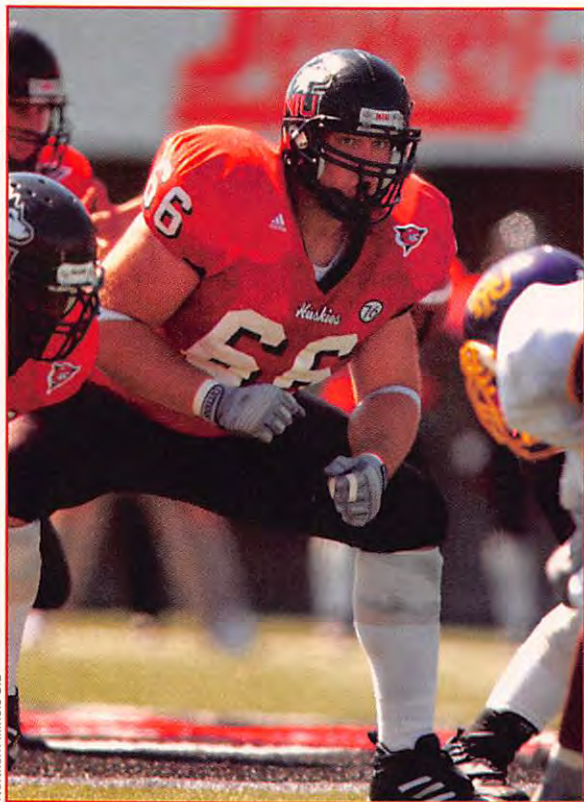
### Defensive Backs

The secondary is thin following the departure of all-conference players Akil Grant and Randee Drew. Free safety Lionel Hickenbottom recorded 107 tackles and two interceptions last season. Cornerbacks Rob Lee and Adriel Hansbro and strong safety Ray Smith round out the secondary.

### Specialists

NIU has been home to the last four MAC special teams players of the year. The loss of the school's first four-time all-conference member, placekicker Steve Azar, is a serious blow. True freshman Chris Nendick will be given the opportunity to step in.

Senior Anthony Gallagher averaged 40.2 yards per punt and nailed 23 kicks inside the 20-yard line. Sheldon, the nation's leading punt returner in 2002, gives the Huskies a big-play threat. Hickenbottom is the main candidate for the kick returning duties.



Northern Illinois SID

Jake VerStraete



**Head Coach: Joe Novak • Record at School: 38-52 (9 years) • Career Record: 38-52 (9 years)**  
**Offensive Coordinator: John Bond • Defensive Coordinator: Denny Doornbos • DeKalb, Ill. • Huskie Stadium (28,000)**

## 2004 Northern Illinois Roster

## Projected Depth Chart

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
6 Brown, Andre	QB	5'11"	234	Fr.	Bloomington, IL
10 Haldi, Josh	QB	6'2"	205	Sr.	Madison, OH
3 Horvath, Phil	QB	6'3"	194	So.	Naperville, IL
16 Mossman, Shedrick	QB	6'1"	220	Fr.	Chicago, IL
4 Ullrich, Zach	QB	5'11"	191	Fr.	Winfield, IL

Running Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
Chambers, Foster	TB	5'9"	202	So.	Bellwood, IL
39 Davis, Adrian	TB	5'5"	181	Jr.	Kenosha, WI
24 Harris, A.J.	TB	6'1"	219	Jr.	Wheaton, IL
Hedges, Jon	TB	5'10"	235	Fr.	Rockford, IL
30 Prime, Cas	TB	5'10"	212	Fr.	Janesville, WI
21 Pugh, Jeremy	TB	6'2"	212	Jr.	Black River Falls, WI
20 Wallace, Robert	TB	5'8"	198	Sr.	Chicago, IL
1 Wolfe, Garrett	TB	5'7"	171	So.	Chicago, IL

Receivers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
Bellard, Josh	WR	5'9"	170	Fr.	Park City, UT
49 Benson, Brad	HB	6'1"	231	So.	Sycamore, IL
14 Carter, Jarret	WR	6'3"	198	So.	Florissant, MO
89 Cieslak, Brad	TE	6'3"	259	Sr.	Long Grove, IL
88 Davis, Brandon	TE	6'4"	227	Fr.	Broadview, IL
Dokes, Keafta	WR	6'1"	196	So.	Hazel Crest, IL
84 Hurd, Sam	WR	6'3"	195	Jr.	San Antonio, TX
Jennings, Dossie	WR	5'10"	175	Fr.	University City, MO
2 Lothson, Andy	WR	6'2"	188	Sr.	DeKalb, IL
7 McDermott, David	WR	6'2"	180	Sr.	Southfield, MI
86 Nordin, Jake	HB	6'5"	236	So.	Lake Lillian, MN
83 Powers, Shatone	WR	6'1"	186	Jr.	Broadview, IL
80 Raleigh, Pat	TE	6'5"	242	Jr.	Evergreen Park, IL
Rodriguez, Edgar	WR	5'10"	178	Jr.	Woodstock, IL
5 Sheldon, Dan	WR	5'11"	175	Sr.	Elgin, IL
White, MacArthur	WR	6'2"	185	Fr.	Waukegan, IL
31 Woods, Kevin	WR	5'9"	193	Sr.	Farmington Hills, MI

Offensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
70 Acevedo, Chris	T	6'6"	301	Fr.	Lyons, IL
72 Bagheri, Arian	G	6'5"	275	Fr.	O'Fallon, MO
74 Biondi, Matt	G	6'3"	331	Fr.	Geneeseo, IL
58 Daglas, George	C	6'4"	290	Jr.	Palos Heights, IL
68 Ebenhoch, Jake	G	6'4"	294	Jr.	Sussex, WI
62 Free, Doug	T	6'6"	276	So.	Manitowoc, WI
63 Holzapfel, Dan	C	5'10"	200	Fr.	Coral Springs, FL
69 Labus, Jason	C	5'10"	231	Jr.	Chicago, IL
79 Lueck, Ben	G	6'4"	305	Sr.	Oswego, IL
61 Rogers, Matt	G	6'5"	259	So.	Lockport, IL
67 Serfort, Kevin	G	6'3"	275	Fr.	Oak Creek, WI
65 Van Acker, Brian	C	6'5"	273	Jr.	Crystal Lake, IL
66 Verstraete, Jake	T	6'7"	311	Sr.	Atkinson, IL
64 Woodfork-Bey, Seren	T	6'5"	303	Fr.	Chicago, IL

Defensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
96 Holman, Quince	DE	6'3"	240	Jr.	Woodridge, IL
King, Kyle	DE	6'0"	220	Fr.	Omaha, NE
97 McIntyre, Justin	NT	6'1"	290	Jr.	Shreveport, LA
56 Moore, Travis	DE	6'2"	242	Sr.	Robbins, IL
Oruche, Robert	DE	6'2"	223	Fr.	Bensenville, IL
98 Pittman, Eric	NT	6'1"	306	So.	Milwaukee, WI
Rue, Joe	NT	6'2"	270	Fr.	Peru, IL
92 Schroeder, Adam	DT	6'4"	260	Fr.	Loves Park, IL
50 Strothman, Kursten	DE	6'2"	240	Sr.	Rochelle, IL
55 Sykes, Nickolas	DE	6'2"	213	Fr.	Calumet Park, IL
57 Thomas, Joe	DE	6'5"	240	Fr.	Darien, IL
Walker, George	NT	6'3"	310	Jr.	Chicago, IL
34 West, Ken	DE	6'2"	234	So.	Calumet City, IL
90 Wilson, Martin	DT	6'1"	264	Sr.	Lisle, IL

Linebackers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
38 Atkinson, Brian	MLB	6'1"	223	Sr.	Chicago, IL
Barry, Ira	LB	5'11"	222	Fr.	Chicago, IL
52 Bassett, Dallas	LB	5'10"	236	So.	Round Lake, IL
Benz, Erek	LB	6'0"	220	Fr.	Park Ridge, IL
33 Blalark, Keenan	MLB	5'9"	213	So.	Elgin, IL
59 Blaschka, Brent	LB	6'1"	208	Jr.	Verona, WI
Carey, Charnzie	LB	6'3"	212	Fr.	Chicago, IL
22 Hawkins, Jason	SLB	6'3"	233	Sr.	Schaumburg, IL
85 Hutton, Jason	SLB	6'1"	236	Jr.	Chicago, IL
47 Lee, Javan	WLB	6'2"	211	Jr.	Michigan City, IN
54 McLearn, Bob	LB	6'0"	198	Fr.	Wheaton, IL
41 Watson, Marlon	WLB	6'2"	210	Sr.	Bolingbrook, IL

Defensive Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
23 Francis, Devron	FS	5'10"	180	Sr.	Jacksonville, FL
12 Hansbro, Adriel	CB	5'11"	171	So.	Madison, WI
11 Hansbro, Alvah	CB	5'10"	173	So.	Madison, WI
9 Hickenbottom, Lionel	FS	6'1"	196	Sr.	Dolton, IL
42 Hilby, Joseph	CB	5'8"	161	So.	Rockford, IL
Ibarra, Saul	FS	5'10"	181	Fr.	Elmwood Park, IL
27 Lee, Rob	CB	6'1"	195	Sr.	Port Washington, WI
28 Morris, Andre	FS	5'8"	170	So.	Chicago, IL
Orozco, Jason	SS	5'8"	207	So.	Chicago Ridge, IL
17 Reiter, Mark	FS	5'10"	177	Fr.	New Lenox, IL
36 Salvant, Chris	CB	5'10"	185	Fr.	Miami, FL
29 Smith, Deon	FS	5'9"	178	Jr.	University Park, IL
48 Smith, Ray	SS	6'1"	181	Jr.	Crown Point, IN
8 Toussaint, Jimmy	CB	5'9"	157	Fr.	Lauderhill, FL
40 Tribble, Antonio	SS	5'10"	184	Fr.	Riverdale, IL
35 Utschig, Dustin	SS	5'11"	191	So.	Winneconne, WI

Specialists	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
26 Gallagher, Anthony	P/K	6'0"	207	Sr.	Davidson, MI
2 Miskov, Aleks	K	5'11"	204	So.	Hales Corners, WI
Tovar, Dennis	P	6'0"	228	Sr.	Elgin, IL

Offense (7)			
SE	84	Sam Hurd (Jr.)	14 Jarret Carter (So.)
WR	5	Dan Sheldon (Sr.)	31 Kevin Woods (Sr.)
FL*	83	Shatone Powers (Jr.)	7 David McDermott (Sr.)
LT	62	Doug Free (So.)	70 Chris Acevedo (Fr.)
LG	79	Ben Lueck (Sr.)	61 Matt Rogers (So.)
C	65	Brian Van Acker (Jr.)	58 George Daglas (Jr.)
RG	68	Jake Ebenhoch (Jr.)	74 Matt Biondi (Fr.)
RT	68	Jake Verstraete (Sr.)	64 Seren Woodfork-Bey (Fr.)
TE	89	Brad Cieslak (Sr.)	80 Pat Raleigh (Jr.)
HB	86	Jake Nordin (So.)	49 Brad Benson (So.)
QB	10	Josh Haldi (Sr.)	3 Phil Horvath (So.)
TB	24	A.J. Harris (Jr.)	39 Adrian Davis (Jr.)

Defense (6)			
DE	50	Kursten Strothman (Sr.)	34 Ken West (So.)
DT	90	Martin Wilson (Sr.)	92 Adam Schroeder (Fr.)
NT	98	Eric Pittman (So.)	97 Justin McIntyre (Jr.)
DE	56	Travis Moore (Sr.)	96 Quince Holman (Jr.)
SLB	22	Jason Hawkins (Sr.)	85 Jason Hutton (Jr.)
MLB	38	Brian Atkinson (Sr.)	33 Keenan Blalark (So.)
WLB	47	Javan Lee (Jr.)	41 Marlon Watson (Sr.)
CB	12	Adriel Hansbro (So.)	8 Jimmy Toussaint (Fr.)
CB	27	Rob Lee (Sr.)	11 Alvah Hansbro (So.)
SS	48	Ray Smith (Jr.)	35 Dustin Utschig (So.)
FS	9	Lionel Hickenbottom (Sr.)	23 Devron Francis (Sr.)

Special Teams			
K		Chris Nendick (Fr.)	KR 9 Lionel Hickenbottom (Sr.)
P	26	Anthony Gallagher (Sr.)	PR 5 Dan Sheldon (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters

**BOLD** indicates returning starters

\*The 12 offensive positions reflect Northern Illinois' multiple formations.

## 2004 Signees

Evans Adonis	WR	6'0"	170	Miami, FL	Dan Keller	OL	6'6"	295	Racine, WI
Brandon Beal	TE	6'4"	230	Kirkwood, MO	David Koronkiewicz	TE	6'3"	240	Goshen, IN
Jon Brost	OL	6'5"	305	Maple Grove, MN	Mike Matar	DL	6'3"	265	Mequon, WI
Chris Carr	QB	6'3"	190	Coral Springs, FL	Vincent Matthew	WR	5'10"	165	Miami, FL
Montell Clanton	RB	5'9"	185	Rockford, IL	Tim McCarthy	LB	6'0"	215	Neenah, WI
Britt Davis	QB	6'3"	190	Broadview, IL	Chris Nendick	K	5'11"	170	Naperville, IL
Jerry English	DL	6'3"	225	Aurora, IL	Dan Nicholson	QB	6'3"	190	Chicago, IL
T.J. Griffin	RB	6'0"	205	Carol Stream, IL	Zach Osburn	DL	6'4"	235	Holland, MI
Bryan Holicek	DL	6'1"	355	Waupaca, WI	Craig Rusch	DL	6'5"	240	Hilbert, WI
Bill Ikegwuonu	DB	6'0"	195	Madison, WI	Matt Simon	WR	6'2"	180	Farmington, MN
Justin Johnson	DB	5'10"	185	Rochelle, IL	Ryan Tuggle	OL	6'5"	265	Bartlett, IL

The Huskies were able to reach some new standards in recruiting, thanks to last season's headline-grabbing 10-2 campaign. NIU signed 22 players, with just eight players from the state of Illinois, a big contrast from past classes. The biggest need was quarterback. Novak signed three in hopes of replacing senior Josh Haldi in two years. Chris Carr, Britt Davis and Dan Nicholson bring a new level of athleticism to the position. "All three of our new quarterbacks are tall, rangy and athletic types," Novak says. "We need a playmaker at quarterback. We're excited about all three of them." NIU signed two wide receivers from Florida. Evans Adonis and Vincent Matthew both hail from the Miami-area and give the offense more speed. Jon Brost (6'5", 305) and Dan Keller (6'6", 295) fill needs at offensive line. Larry English, Zach Osburn and Craig Rusch could be capable reserves at defensive end. Kicker Chris Nendick should be an instant starter following the graduation of four-year all-conference player Steve Azar.

## 2003 Results — 10-2 (6-2 MAC)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 28	Maryland	(ot) W	20-13
S. 6	Tennessee Tech	W	42-17
S. 20	at Alabama	W	19-16
S. 27	Iowa State	W	24-16
O. 4	Ohio	W	30-23
O. 11	at Central Michigan	W	40-24
O. 18	Western Michigan	W	37-10
O. 25	at Bowling Green	L	18-34
N. 1	Ball State	W	48-23
N. 8	at Buffalo	W	40-9
N. 15	at Toledo	L	30-49
N. 22	Eastern Michigan	W	38-24

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Josh Haldi, 336-199-2,544-9, 25 TDs  
**Rushing:** A.J. Harris, 65 car., 272 yds., 2 TDs  
**Receiving:** Sam Hurd, 29 rec., 438 yds., 2 TDs  
**Scoring:** Shatone Powers, 5 TDs, 30 points  
**Punting:** Anthony Gallagher 63 punts, 42.3 avg.  
**Kicking:** None  
**Tackles:** Brian Atkinson, 108, 65 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Brian Atkinson, 13 for 55 yds.  
**Sacks:** Brian Atkinson, 6  
**Interceptions:** Rob Lee, 5 for 17 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** Lionel Hickenbottom, 6 ret., 17.3 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Dan Sheldon, 12 ret., 12.5 avg.



**F**or the first time in three years, Toledo begins its season with no questions at quarterback. Bruce Gradkowski returns after a splendid sophomore season in which he completed over 70 percent of his passes for 3,210 yards and 29 touchdowns. His top target, Lance Moore, returns after leading the nation with 8.6 receptions per game. The Rockets welcome back six other starters from an offense that averaged 32.4 points per game.

The key to the season, however, could be the play on the other side of the ball. Toledo returns a talented group of linebackers and defensive backs, but there are some concerns on the line. If the defense is merely adequate, the Rockets, on the strength of their powerful offense, should be headed to a bowl game for the third time in the past four seasons.

### Quarterbacks

Gradkowski emerged from nowhere to set school records in completion percentage and touchdown passes as a sophomore last season. "We have high expectations for Bruce this year and the playbook will certainly get bigger for him," says UT coach Tom Amstutz. Gradkowski can run when needed; he was the Rockets' second-leading rusher with 504 yards.

Two redshirt freshmen will back up Gradkowski — athletic Marques Council and Canadian native Michael Faulds.

### Running Backs

Toledo has a tradition of producing all-conference running backs, and this year is no exception. Trinity Dawson was a second-team All-MAC performer in 2003 after rushing for 999 yards as a sophomore. Reserve Quinton Broussard averaged 5.2 yards per carry in limited duty last fall. He will be pushed by a trio of talented freshmen tailbacks — Lance Johnson, Richard Davis and Jalen Parmele.



Nick Kaczur

### Receivers



The receiving corps is without question the team's strength. Moore (103 catches for 1,194 yards) is being touted for the Biletnikoff Award. Steve Odom, runner-up for the 2003 MAC Freshman of the Year, contributed 62 receptions. And there is plenty of depth behind Moore and Odom. "This is a solid group of receivers that compares favorably with anyone we play," says Amstutz.

Senior Andrew Clarke is nice weapon at tight end. A first-team All-MAC pick last fall, Clarke has 18 career touchdowns.

### NUMBERS GAME

**80.3** In Toledo's six home games, quarterback Bruce Gradkowski completed 155-of-193 passes (80.3 percent) for 1,961 yards, a 327-yard average, 19 touchdowns and just three interceptions.

### Offensive Linemen



Toledo should once again be strong across the offensive line. A year ago, this unit allowed just nine sacks. Left tackle Nick Kaczur is a three-time All-MAC pick who is on the 2004 Lombardi Award watch list. "He is a legitimate NFL prospect," says Amstutz. Center David Odenthal is the only other starter back, but three reserves return and the coaching staff is excited about redshirt freshman John Greco and junior college transfer Greg Luna.

### Defensive Linemen

Toledo graduated all four starters on the defensive line, along with two key reserves. That's not necessarily a bad thing since last year's unit recorded just 10 quarterback sacks. The Rockets will be looking at Andre Bouldin, J.P. Bekasiak, Tyree Pollard and Patrick Clark to develop immediately at defensive tackle. True freshmen will compete for playing time right away, as well. There is some experience at defensive end with Jerome Walker, Phil Alexander, Melvin Butler and Don Gaines.

### Linebackers

Toledo runs a 4-4 defense with the strong safety/outside linebacker positioned near the line to add more pressure to opposing offenses. The Rockets return three starters and eight letterwinners to their four-linebacker set. Anthony Jordan (inside) and Keon Jackson (outside) have all-conference abilities. Jordan tied for fourth in the MAC last year with 138 total tackles.

### Defensive Backs

Patrick Body returns at free safety, and according to Amstutz, "there is no reason why he can't be the best safety in the league; he has all of the tools." Antonio Malone returns at one cornerback after breaking his collarbone late last season. Bo Martin, Nigel Morris, James Monds and Indiana transfer Steven Gunter provide UT with depth.

### Specialists

Moore also starred on special teams and helped UT rank third in the nation last year in punt return average. Jason Robbins is back as the placekicker, but he made just 3-of-7 field goal attempts. Jason Cox and freshman Brett Kern will battle for the open punter position.



**Head Coach: Tom Amstutz • Record at School: 27-11 (3 years) • Career Record: 27-11 (3 years)**  
**Offensive Coordinator: Rob Spence • Defensive Coordinator: Lou West • Toledo, Ohio • Glass Bowl (26,248)**

## 2004 Toledo Roster

## Projected Depth Chart

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
8 Council, Marques	QB	6'3"	194	Fr.	Aliquippa, PA
6 Faulds, Michael	QB	6'3"	209	Fr.	Rockwood, ON
7 Gradkowski, Bruce	QB	6'2"	210	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA

Running Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
23 Broussard, Quinton	RB	5'9"	200	Jr.	Carrollton, TX
38 Dawson, Trinity	RB	5'10"	195	Jr.	Tulsa, OK
26 Johnson, Lance	RB	5'10"	202	Fr.	Detroit, MI
14 McFarlin, Marques	RB	6'2"	226	Fr.	West Hempstead, NY
29 Wright, Jeremy	RB	5'10"	198	So.	Elida, OH

Receivers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
89 Clarke, Andrew	TE	6'4"	249	Sr.	Naperville, IL
4 Higgins, Kenny	WR	6'1"	184	Sr.	Long Beach, CA
81 Holmes, Chris	TE	6'6"	265	Sr.	Chicago, IL
17 Horton, Kenley	WR	6'2"	171	So.	Riverdale, GA
9 Hudson, Terrance	WR	6'1"	184	Sr.	Cleveland, OH
22 Lepley, Pete	WR	6'1"	200	Sr.	Belleuve, OH
87 Long, Lance	WR	5'11"	189	Fr.	Macomb, MI
13 Martin, Marques	WR	5'11"	190	Fr.	Columbus, OH
1 Moore, Lance	WR	5'11"	184	Sr.	Westerville, OH
80 Odom, Steve	WR	5'10"	165	So.	Columbus, OH
88 Partee, Terrance	TE	6'6"	195	Fr.	Lexington, NC
86 Powell, Josh	TE	6'5"	240	So.	Wyandotte, MI
83 Robinson, Eric	WR	6'1"	167	Fr.	Columbus, OH
85 Washington, David	WR	6'5"	220	Fr.	Baytown, TX
84 Williams, Kory	TE	6'1"	225	Sr.	Bloomington, IL
36 Wittenmyer, Matt	WR	6'1"	190	Fr.	Findlay, OH

Offensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
70 Adebisin, Hassan	C	6'2"	292	So.	Shaker Heights, OH
63 Aguwa, Jerry	T	6'5"	290	So.	West Bloomfield, MI
69 Anderson, Jesse	G	6'5"	285	So.	The Colony, TX
73 Diggs, Chad	OL	6'4"	290	So.	Trotwood, OH
79 Greco, John	T	6'5"	315	Fr.	Youngstown, OH
62 Heuer, Michael	C	6'3"	250	Sr.	Macedonia, OH
67 Jarbou, Wael	G	6'5"	310	Sr.	Detroit, MI
68 Kaczur, Nick	T	6'5"	305	Sr.	Brantford, ON
51 Odenthal, David	C	6'2"	299	Sr.	Cologne, Germany
64 Perkins, David	G	6'2"	290	Fr.	Saginaw, MI
59 Ripley, Alan	OL	6'5"	250	So.	Elyria, OH
78 Sacco, Mike	T	6'7"	285	Sr.	Sewickley, PA
71 Sharp, Justin	OL	6'5"	255	Fr.	Trafalgar, IN
76 Wakeman, Chris	G	6'5"	290	Jr.	Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Defensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
86 Albritton, Aaron	DL	6'2"	258	So.	Hankamer, TX
98 Alexander, Phil	DE	6'3"	254	Sr.	Chicago Heights, IL
88 Baker, Clark	DE	6'2"	253	Sr.	Toledo, OH
96 Bekasiak, J.P.	DT	6'5"	272	So.	Tecumseh, OH
90 Butler, Melvin	DE	6'2"	240	Jr.	Detroit, MI
87 Clark, Patrick	DT	6'4"	260	Fr.	Northville, MI
43 Gaines, Don	DE	6'4"	252	Sr.	Edmond, OK
61 Pollard, Tyree	DT	6'4"	310	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
56 Walker, Jerome	DE	6'5"	257	So.	Avon, OH
92 Williamson, Sean	DL	6'2"	287	So.	White Lake, MI

Linebackers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
44 Alston, Mike	ILB	6'2"	205	So.	Columbus, OH
3 Broussard, Michael	Whip	5'11"	200	Sr.	Carrollton, TX
15 Chamberlain, Mike	Whip	6'2"	196	So.	Sacramento, CA
39 Fitzgibbons, Shaun	LB	6'0"	218	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
34 Gamby, Rodney	Whip	5'10"	197	So.	Temperance, MI
6 Jackson, Keon	ROV	5'11"	206	Jr.	East Chicago, IN
40 Jordan, Anthony	ILB	6'3"	230	Jr.	Whitehall, OH
45 Power, Patrick	LB	6'2"	226	Fr.	Gahanna, OH
17 Rath, Ted	LB	6'0"	215	Fr.	Monroe, MI
35 Thitoff, Seth	ILB	6'2"	225	So.	Delphos, OH
8 Thomas, David	ILB	6'2"	230	Sr.	Detroit, MI
21 Williams, Travis	ROV	6'2"	192	Fr.	Aliquippa, PA

Defensive Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
11 Body, Patrick	FS	6'2"	201	Sr.	Pittsburgh, PA
17 Creason, Justyn	CB	5'10"	200	So.	Omaha, NE
19 Flowers, Jason	CB	6'0"	174	Jr.	Centerville, OH
10 Gunter, Steve	CB	5'10"	178	So.	Warrenville Heights, OH
25 Heffner, Lance	FS	6'2"	184	So.	Columbus Grove, OH
30 Malone, Antonio	CB	6'1"	186	Jr.	Portsmouth, OH
5 Martin, Bo	CB	6'1"	198	So.	Fremont, OH
27 Monds, James	DB	5'11"	174	Fr.	Ft. Pierce, FL
37 Morris, Nigel	CB	6'0"	164	Fr.	Nyack, NY
14 Nixon, Shawn	FS	6'1"	191	Jr.	Columbus, OH
14 Pearson, Hannibal	DB	6'2"	185	So.	Cleveland, OH

Specialists	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
84 Ameen, Jonathon	K	5'8"	160	So.	Hubbard, OH
31 Cox, Jason	P	6'1"	207	Jr.	Lewis Center, OH
Roark, Rob	K	5'6"	225	Fr.	Avon Lake, OH
24 Robbins, Jason	K	5'10"	158	Jr.	Sylvania, OH

Offense (8)					
WR	1	Lance Moore (Sr.)	85	David Washington (Fr.)	
WR	80	Steve Odom (So.)	22	Pete Lepley (Sr.)	
WR	9	Terrance Hudson (Sr.)	17	Kenley Horton (So.)	
WR*	4	Kenny Higgins (Sr.)	87	Lance Long (Fr.)	
LT	68	Nick Kaczur (Sr.)	63	Jerry Aguwa (So.)	
LG	76	Chris Wakeman (Jr.)	69	Jesse Anderson (So.)	
C	51	David Odenthal (Sr.)	70	Hassan Adebisin (So.)	
RG	67	Wael Jarbou (Sr.)	64	Dave Perkins (Fr.)	
ST	79	John Greco (Fr.)	78	Mike Sacco (Sr.)	
TE	89	Andrew Clarke (Sr.)	81	Chris Holmes (Sr.)	
QB	7	Bruce Gradkowski (Jr.)	8	Marques Council (Fr.)	
RB	38	Trinity Dawson (Jr.)	23	Quinton Broussard (Jr.)	

Defense (5)					
DE	98	Phil Alexander (Sr.)	90	Melvin Butler (Jr.)	
DT	96	J.P. Bekasiak (So.)	87	Patrick Clark (Fr.)	
DT	61	Tyree Pollard (Fr.)		Andre Bouldin (Fr.)	
DE	56	Jerome Walker (So.)	43	Don Gaines (Sr.)	
Whip	3	Michael Broussard (Sr.)	15	Mike Chamberlain (So.)	
ILB	40	Anthony Jordan (Jr.)	35	Seth Thitoff (So.)	
ILB	8	David Thomas (Sr.)	44	Mike Alston (So.)	
ROV	6	Keon Jackson (Jr.)	21	Travis Williams (Fr.)	
CB	5	Bo Martin (So.)	37	Nigel Morris (Fr.)	
CB	30	Antonio Malone (Jr.)	19	Jason Flowers (Jr.)	
FS	11	Patrick Body (Sr.)	14	Shawn Nixon (Jr.)	

Special Teams					
K	24	Jason Robbins (Jr.)	KR	1	Lance Moore (Sr.)
P	31	Jason Cox (Jr.)	PR	1	Lance Moore (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters

**BOLD** indicates returning starters

\*The 12 offensive positions reflect Toledo's multiple formations.

## 2004 Signees

Brandon Alexander	DB	6'1"	180	Niles, OH	Nick Lawrence	DL	6'2"	225	Detroit, MI
Andre Bouldin	DL	6'4"	310	Ann Arbor, MI	Greg Luna	OL	6'7"	318	Spokane, WA
Clint Cochran	QB	6'4"	200	Wadsworth, OH	Alfred Martin	DL	6'6"	250	South Euclid, OH
Richard Davis	RB	6'0"	195	Warren, OH	Nick Moore	WR	6'4"	190	Westerville, OH
Patrick Dawson	OL	6'3"	290	Greensburg, PA	Steven Morrison	LB	6'2"	200	Queens, NY
Andrew Decker	OL	6'3"	270	Toledo, OH	Jalen Parmele	RB	6'0"	200	Midland, MI
Bernard Faithful	DL	6'3"	225	Detroit, MI	Andre Redd	WR	5'11"	185	Jamaica, NY
DeVon Harris	DB	6'0"	195	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Billy Relford	DB	5'9"	180	Massillon, OH
Gabe Hatchett	WR	6'3"	195	Minden, NV	Trumaine Smith	WR	6'3"	190	Warrensville Hts., OH
Greg Hay	DB	6'2"	205	Walled Lake, MI	Raybin Williams	DL	6'6"	240	Pompano Bch., FL
Tyrell Herbert	DB	6'1"	175	Verona, PA	Sean Zabinski	OL	6'7"	290	Albany, NY
Brett Kern	P	6'3"	185	Grand Island, NY					

Toledo signed players from New York to California but concentrated on Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania. This class includes five defensive linemen who will address immediate needs, a quality quarterback prospect, four offensive linemen and four wide receivers. Highlighting the receivers is Gabriel Hatchett, a junior college standout who de-committed from Nebraska to sign with Toledo; Trumaine Smith, a top 40 player in Ohio; and Nick Moore, who was rated by one recruiting service as a top 50 receiver. Defensive lineman Alfred Martin had several offers from BCS conference schools and waited until the last minute to sign with Toledo after Ohio State failed to deliver a scholarship offer. Billy Relford de-committed from West Virginia to sign with Toledo, while Brandon Alexander did the same after pledging with Indiana. Toledo added two powerful running backs, including Jalen Parmele, rated the No. 16 prospect in Michigan by the Detroit *Free Press*.

## 2003 Results — 8-4 (6-2 MAC)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 29	at UNLV	L	18-28
S. 6	Liberty	W	49-3
S. 12	at Marshall	W	24-17
S. 20	Pittsburgh	W	35-31
S. 27	at Syracuse	L	7-34
O. 11	Eastern Michigan	W	49-14
O. 18	at Central Michigan	W	31-13
O. 25	at Ball State	L	14-38
N. 1	Buffalo	W	56-29
N. 15	Northern Illinois	W	49-30
N. 22	Western Michigan	W	34-17
N. 29	at Bowling Green	L	23-31

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Bruce Gradkowski, 389-277-3,210-7, 29 TDs  
**Rushing:** Trinity Dawson, 199 car., 999 yds., 10 TDs  
**Receiving:** Lance Moore, 103 rec., 1,194 yds., 9 TDs  
**Scoring:** Trinity Dawson, 12 TDs, 72 points  
**Punting:** None  
**Kicking:** Jason Robbins, 3-7 FGs, 48-50 XPs, 57 points  
**Tackles:** Anthony Jordan, 138, 77 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Phil Alexander, 9 for 22 yds.  
**Sacks:** Phil Alexander, 3  
**Interceptions:** Patrick Body, 3 for 61 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** Lance Moore, 21 ret., 21.7 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Lance Moore, 17 ret., 12.9 avg.





The pair of MAC West Division titles in 1999 and 2000 are becoming a fading memory at Western Michigan. In 2002, the Broncos suffered four losses by a combined 15 points en route to a 4-8 season. Last year, WMU finished 5-7, but the margin in its losses was more profound. Now the Broncos must face a 2004 schedule that includes road games at Illinois and Virginia Tech and MAC games against Bowling Green, Toledo, Miami and Marshall. Oh, by the way, WMU lost its top two defensive players, one to the NFL Draft, it's two veteran quarterbacks, and a former 1,000-yard rusher.

Gary Darnell's Broncos have been known for their wide-open passing attack, but the veteran coach has promised a more balanced offense this fall.

"People who watch us expect a big play every down, but we can't afford to be that greedy," Darnell says. "We will be pushing back to our more traditional balance of 50-50 between the pass and rush."

### Quarterbacks

The loss of Jon Drach and Chad Munson, who combined to throw 31 touchdowns and 3,622 yards in 2003, leaves a big question mark at the quarterback position. Transfer Ryan Cubit has the big game experience, having set four freshman passing records while at Rutgers. Cubit will battle junior Blayne Baggett, who has thrown just 14 passes at WMU.

### Running Backs

The Broncos must replace Phil Reed, who ranks fifth on WMU's all-time rushing list. But Reed struggled last year, along with the entire Bronco running game.

Juniors Trovon Riley and Daniel Marks will be asked to step to the forefront. The two combined for 309 yards rushing and five TDs last season and bring vastly contrasting styles to the

backfield. Riley is a speedster and Marks is a bruiser. Riley's health and the duo's lack of experience are potential pitfalls.

### Receivers

Greg Jennings exploded last season in WMU's high-profile passing attack, setting a school-record with 14 touchdown catches to go along with 1,050 receiving yards. Tyrone Walker, blessed with fantastic speed, averaged 18 yards per catch last season. Behind Jennings and Walker, WMU lacks experience. Fortunately, tight ends Tyson DeVree and Tony Scheffler offer a formidable one-two punch and figure to be inviting targets for the new quarterback.

### NUMBERS GAME

**43** The loss of Jason Babin, who was selected by Houston in the NFL Draft, will be a big blow. He accounted for 43 percent of the Broncos' sacks in 2003.

### Offensive Linemen

New faces at quarterback and running back put added pressure on an offensive line that hasn't performed at championship level over the past two years. Fortunately, several players return with game experience. Kyle Ras and Brandon James will man the tackles. Ras saw time as a guard last season. Robbie Krutilla will take over duties at center.

As the Broncos try to balance their offensive attack in 2004, it's up to the line to provide experience.

### Defensive Linemen

Replacing two-time All-America end Jason Babin is nearly an impossible job for the WMU coaching staff. Senior Jack Gitler returns at the other end. The second-team All-MAC performer registered seven sacks last season. With Babin gone, Gitler will be asked to become the top playmaker up front. Ernest Osborne, one of the fastest players on the roster, will be asked to replace Babin.

### Linebackers

It's hard to call Mike Giorgianni and Paul Tithof veterans, but the two returning starters help solidify the middle of the defense for the first time in years. Giorgianni, a junior college transfer, signed with the Broncos in July 2003. A month later he was starting against Michigan State. Tithof earned Freshman All-America honors. The two combined for 140 tackles last season.

### Defensive Backs

Sophomore DeRae Allen and converted safety Scott Robinson will man the corner positions this fall. Kevin Ford, who is the leading returning tackler on the Broncos defense (111), is the free safety. Darrell Copeland will man the position vacated by Robinson. Two-time team MVP Jason Feldpausch is a huge loss at the weak safety position. A former walk-on, Mark Hardy, will likely replace Feldpausch on the field but will be hard-pressed to replace Feldpausch's leadership.

### Specialists

Adam Anderson earned first-team All-MAC honors after averaging a school-record 43.9 yards per punt. Robert Menchinger hit all 41 of his extra points in 2003 but converted just 8-of-15 field goal attempts. Jennings and Walker combine to offer the Broncos a double-threat on punt and kickoff returns.



Western Michigan SID

**Tyrone Walker**



**Head Coach: Gary Darnell • Record at School: 45-36 (7 years) • Career Record: 48-40 (8 years)**  
**Offensive Coordinator: Brian Rock • Defensive Coordinator: J.C. Harper • Kalamazoo, Mich. • Waldo Stadium (30,200)**

## 2004 Western Michigan Roster

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
18 Baggett, Blayne	QB	6'2"	220	Jr.	Walled Lake, MI
12 Cubit, Ryan	QB	6'3"	215	Jr.	Kalamazoo, MI
8 Engram, Alex	QB	5'11"	205	Fr.	Warren, OH
14 Haas, Robbie	QB	6'2"	195	Jr.	Logan, UT
17 Molnar, Charley	QB	6'2"	195	Fr.	Mogadore, OH

Running Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
35 Cannon, Lawrence	RB	5'9"	203	Fr.	Bellwood, IL
29 Duffy, Tommy	RB	5'10"	203	Fr.	San Diego, CA
20 Marks, Daniel	RB	6'0"	225	Jr.	Miami Beach, FL
32 Riley, Trovon	RB	5'11"	212	Jr.	Kankakee, IL
23 Saad, Nic	RB	6'3"	217	Fr.	Clinton Township, MI

Receivers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
87 Allen, Antwain	WR	6'2"	210	Fr.	Chicago, IL
10 Chapple, Joe	WR	6'1"	178	So.	South Bay, FL
2 Childs, Eugene	WR	6'2"	197	So.	Inglewood, CA
6 Curtis, Osborn	WR	6'1"	175	Jr.	La Grange, IL
84 DeVree, Tyson	TE	6'6"	215	So.	Hudsonville, MI
14 Evans, Drew	WR	6'3"	200	Fr.	Syracuse, NY
47 Farren, Ross	TE	6'4"	245	Jr.	Akron, OH
4 Jackson, Brian	WR	6'4"	180	Fr.	Lansing, MI
15 Jennings, Greg	WR	6'1"	190	Jr.	Kalamazoo, MI
21 Kashama, Fernand	WR	6'3"	206	Fr.	Toronto, ON
88 Kempinski, Michael	TE	6'4"	232	So.	Whitewater, WI
81 LeMay, Justin	WR	6'0"	175	So.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
86 Martin, Kelly	WR	6'4"	175	Fr.	Lafayette, IN
85 Scheffler, Tony	TE	6'5"	250	Jr.	Chelsea, MI
89 Schultz, Keith	TE	6'4"	225	Fr.	Almont, MI
9 Slater, Mike	WR	6'1"	183	So.	Portage, MI
92 Smith, David	TE	6'3"	220	Fr.	Hudson, MI
83 Walker, Tyrone	WR	6'3"	190	Sr.	Lansing, MI

Offensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
70 Bartula, Chris	T	6'6"	276	Fr.	Carol Stream, IL
75 Blair, James	G	6'4"	320	Fr.	Detroit, MI
67 Douglas, Steve	G	6'4"	285	So.	Joliet, IL
71 James, Brandon	T	6'5"	280	Jr.	Concord, MI
78 Krutilla, Robbie	C/G	6'3"	295	So.	Chicago, IL
77 McCord, Mike	T	6'7"	288	Sr.	Willowbrook, IL
72 Moran, Dominic	T	6'5"	280	So.	Rochester Hills, MI
63 Moultry, Henry	T	6'5"	334	Sr.	Mount Clemens, MI
61 Otney, Mark	G	6'6"	287	Jr.	Troy, MI
60 Pfandtnr, Joel	C	6'4"	293	So.	Macomb Township, MI
79 Ras, Kyle	T	6'6"	290	Sr.	Jenison, MI
76 Stith, Walter	T	6'8"	285	Jr.	Atlanta, GA
69 Vavrosky, John	G	6'2"	260	So.	Portage, MI

Defensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
53 Alvarez, Joe	DT	6'2"	240	Jr.	Naperville, IL
62 Balas, Colin	DT	6'2"	240	Fr.	Kalamazoo, MI
37 Belmonte, Anthony	DE	6'1"	230	Jr.	Wheaton, IL
96 Bryant, Greg	NG	6'1"	292	Sr.	Edmond, OK
59 Gitler, Jack	DE	6'2"	260	Sr.	Berkley, MI
55 Gray, Dezmund	DT	6'4"	288	Fr.	Detroit, MI
34 Kennedy, Aaron	DE	6'0"	233	So.	Farmington Hills, MI
55 Melcher, Nick	DE	6'3"	250	Sr.	Oak Forest, IL
95 Moersch, Paul	NG	6'4"	275	Jr.	Schaumburg, IL
33 Oleson, Erik	DT	6'3"	250	Sr.	Brodhead, WI
90 Osborne, Ernest	DE	6'5"	235	Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
64 Schwinger, Lee	DT	6'3"	270	Fr.	Fremont, MI

Linebackers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
45 Behrens, Josh	LB	6'2"	250	Jr.	Grandville, MI
56 Giorgianni, Mike	LB	6'1"	230	Sr.	San Jose, CA
58 Gordon, Joe	LB	5'11"	220	Sr.	Muskegon, MI
97 Ludeman, Matt	LB	6'3"	227	So.	Oak Creek, WI
32 Mbah, Dave	LB	6'1"	235	Fr.	Portage, MI
50 McFadden, Darryl	LB	6'2"	220	Fr.	Detroit, MI
52 Robbins, Steve	LB	6'0"	210	Jr.	Vicksburg, MI
42 Steinau, Dan	LB	5'11"	215	Sr.	El Toro, CA
51 Tithof, Paul	LB	6'1"	202	So.	Oakley, MI

Defensive Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
30 Allen, DeRae	CB	5'11"	195	So.	Lovejoy, GA
20 Childress, Mark	CB	5'10"	173	Fr.	Flint, MI
31 Copeland, Darrell	SS	6'1"	198	Fr.	Jonesboro, GA
6 Cresto, John	WS	6'2"	210	Fr.	Naperville, IL
46 Ellison, James	FS	6'1"	202	Fr.	Detroit, MI
24 Feldpausch, Chad	CB	5'10"	172	So.	Fowler, MI
9 Ford, Kevin	FS	5'11"	200	Jr.	Lansing, MI
26 Forrest, Brandon	CB	5'9"	175	Jr.	Lansing, MI
27 Hall, Jon	WS	6'0"	193	So.	Bolingbrook, IL
29 Hardy, Mark	WS	6'2"	192	Jr.	Robbins, IL
16 Keys, Oseloka	WS	6'4"	185	Fr.	Ann Arbor, MI
18 Lemke, Dan	SS	5'8"	180	Jr.	Maple Grove, MN
36 Lopez, Shawntey	SS	6'2"	221	Sr.	Fremont, CA
48 Powell, Ryan	CB	6'0"	190	Sr.	Detroit, MI
47 Quivey, Seth	FS	6'4"	205	So.	Bismark, ND
25 Robinson, Scott	CB	6'0"	190	Sr.	Ypsilanti, MI
23 Sheftic, Chris	SS	6'1"	214	So.	Mendon, MI
41 Stewart, Brett	FS	6'1"	190	So.	Brighton, MI
36 Szafranski, Derek	WS	6'2"	200	Fr.	Battle Creek, MI
5 Vincent, Jimmie	CB	5'10"	172	So.	South Bay, FL

Specialists	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
39 Anderson, Adam	P	6'0"	193	Sr.	Chesaning, MI
91 Jones, Mike	K	6'1"	160	Fr.	Miami Shores, FL
66 Laney, Jim	P	6'4"	185	Fr.	Toledo, OH
17 Menchinger, Robert	K	5'10"	165	Sr.	Elkhart, IN
99 Meyer, Nate	K	6'4"	215	So.	Farmington Hills, MI

## Projected Depth Chart

Offense (4)			
WR	83	Tyrone Walker (Sr.)	2 Eugene Childs (Sr.)
WR	15	Greg Jennings (Jr.)	10 Joe Chapple (So.)
LT	79	Kyle Ras (Sr.)	76 Walter Stith (Jr.)
LG	72	Dominic Moran (So.)	77 Mike McCord (Sr.)
C	78	Robbie Krutilla (So.)	60 Joel Pfandtnr (So.)
RG	61	Mark Ottney (Jr.)	75 James Blair (Fr.)
RT	71	Brandon James (Jr.)	70 Chris Bartula (Fr.)
TE	85	Tony Scheffler (Jr.)	88 Mike Kempinski (So.)
TE	84	Tyson DeVree (So.)	47 Ross Farren (Jr.)
QB	12	Ryan Cubit (Jr.)	18 Blayne Baggett (Jr.)
RB	32	Trovon Riley (Jr.)	20 Daniel Marks (Jr.)

Defense (7)			
DE	59	Jack Gitler (Sr.)	35 Nick Melcher (Sr.)
DT	33	Erik Oleson (Sr.)	53 Joe Alvarez (Jr.)
NG	95	Paul Moersch (Jr.)	96 Greg Bryant (Sr.)
DE	90	Ernest Osborne (Sr.)	37 Anthony Belmonte (Jr.)
LB	51	Paul Tithof (So.)	42 Dan Steinau (Sr.)
LB	56	Mike Giorgianni (Sr.)	45 Josh Behrens (Jr.)
CB	30	DeRae Allen (So.)	5 Jimmie Vincent (So.)
CB	25	Scott Robinson (Sr.)	24 Chad Feldpausch (So.)
WS	29	Mark Hardy (Jr.)	27 Jon Hall (So.)
SS	31	Darrell Copeland (Fr.)	16 Shawntey Lopez (Sr.)
FS	9	Kevin Ford (Jr.)	41 Brett Stewart (So.)

Special Teams			
K	17	Robert Menchinger (Jr.)	KR 83 Tyrone Walker (Sr.)
P	39	Adam Anderson (Sr.)	PR 15 Greg Jennings (Jr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters  
**BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 Signees

Brian Bell	DB	6'0"	205	Arlington Hts., IL	Brandon Ledbetter	TE	6'5"	205	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Mark Bonds	RB	5'11"	210	Indianapolis, IN	Scotter McIntosh	DB	6'1"	205	McHenry, IL
Brandon Brady	RB	5'11"	210	Bloomington, MN	Mike Onaga	TE	6'4"	250	Matawan, NJ
Zach Davidson	DL	6'3"	240	Racine, WI	Marc Orosz	RB	6'0"	190	Marlton, NJ
Andy Endemann	DL	6'2"	285	Pago Pago, AS	Cornelius Robinson	S	6'3"	190	Atlanta, GA
Alex Engram	QB	6'0"	205	Warren, OH	Jamarko Simmons	WR	6'2"	205	Flint, MI
Cory Flom	DL	6'3"	270	Prior Lake, MN	Blake Simms	DB	6'1"	200	Detroit, MI
Londen Fryar	WR	6'0"	180	Jobstown, NJ	Jerome Vann	WR	6'4"	195	LaPorte, IN
Quentin Gray	LB	6'3"	230	Detroit, MI	Nick Varcadipane	DL	6'3"	255	Totowa, NJ
Fernand Kashama	WR	6'4"	205	Toronto, ON	Matt Williams	DL	6'4"	265	Fishers, IN
Ryan Lecher	TE	6'5"	240	New Berlin, WI					

Alex Engram is the gem of the 2004 recruiting class. WMU held off Nebraska and Ohio State, who recruited him as a defensive back, and landed a signal-caller who tossed 19 TDs with just one INT as a senior. However, he is more of a dual-threat quarterback, a deviation from the typical Gary Darnell recruit.

Zach Davidson gives the Broncos a speedy defensive end. He reportedly turned down Colorado and Purdue to play in Kalamazoo. Wide receiver Fernand Kashama was rated as one of the top 10 recruits in Canada. Wide receiver Londen Fryar comes with a pedigree. His father, Irving, played 18 years in the NFL after an All-American career at Nebraska. Darnell was an assistant at Kansas State during the elder Fryar's tenure at Nebraska.

The Broncos added speed with this class, bringing in four receivers, four defensive backs and a three running backs.

## 2003 Results — 5-7 (4-4 MAC)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
A. 30	at Michigan State	L	21-26
S. 6	William & Mary	W	56-24
S. 13	Virginia	L	16-59
S. 27	at Ohio	W	39-32
O. 4	at Eastern Michigan	W	31-3
O. 11	Bowling Green	L	21-32
O. 18	at Northern Illinois	L	10-37
O. 25	Marshall	L	21-41
N. 1	at Connecticut	L	27-41
N. 8	Ball State	W	28-20
N. 15	C. Michigan	W	44-21
N. 22	at Toledo	L	17-34

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Blayne Baggett, 8-4-79-1, 0 TDs  
**Rushing:** Daniel Marks, 43 car., 200 yds., 3 TDs  
**Receiving:** Greg Jennings, 56 rec., 1,050 yds., 14 TDs  
**Scoring:** Greg Jennings, 14 TDs, 84 points  
**Punting:** Adam Anderson, 72 punts, 43.9 avg.  
**Kicking:** Robert Menchinger, 8-15 FGs, 41-41 XPs, 65 points  
**Tackles:** Kevin Ford, 111, 63 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Jack Gitler, 19 for 65 yds.  
**Sacks:** Jack Gitler, 7  
**Interceptions:** Willie Pope, 4 for 52 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** Greg Jennings, 31 ret., 21.6 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Tyrone Walker, 1 ret., 16.0 avg.



**N**o one at Cincinnati was happier last fall about the school's impending move to the Big East Conference than football coach Rick Minter. At last, he would be able to go into a recruit's home and sell the idea of playing in a BCS conference. But Minter, who was fired after a 5-7 season, will not reap those Big East benefits after all.

Athletic director Bob Goin decided a fresh face was needed to lead the program into a promising new era. "The stakes are higher," Goin says. "There's no question about that."

To find that fresh face, Goin looked 100 miles up the road to Ohio State and hired Buckeyes' defensive coordinator Mark Dantonio to prepare the Cincinnati program for its 2005 debut in the Big East.

But first there's one more season to play in Conference USA. Dantonio and his staff inherit a team that returns 17 starters, including quarterback Gino Guidugli, already the most prolific passer in the school's history, and running back Richard Hall, an Ohio State transfer.

### Quarterbacks

Guidugli returns to run the offense for the fourth straight year. Known for his fourth-quarter comebacks, he's a capable scrambler who often ran out of the shotgun formation under Minter. He'll still

operate out of the gun occasionally but will more often function as a traditional drop-back passer.

Guidugli is looking forward to running a new offense under offensive coordinator Don Treadwell. "Tight ends are getting used a whole lot more," Guidugli says. "The backs are getting used out of the backfield. The ball's getting out of my hands a lot quicker. I think it's going to help me as a quarterback."

Last year, Guidugli was backed up primarily by George Murray II, a former high school quarterback who was initially converted to wide receiver at Cincinnati. Murray was shifted to quarterback when Guidugli was either hurt or in situations where Minter wanted more of an option look with a running quarterback.

Dantonio plans to use Murray at quarterback in certain situations, too, but might also want to begin to plan for the post-Guidugli era by playing either red-shirt freshman Todd Spitzer or incoming freshman Dustin Grutza.

### Running Backs

Hall is the entrenched starter, but the Bearcats have depth at this position with junior Carl Jones and sophomore Derrick Eddington, both of whom averaged 5.0 yards per carry in limited action last year.

Hall, who left Wyoming High School

in Cincinnati as the fourth-leading rusher in Ohio football history, has the ability to become a premier runner if he can stay healthy. He had four 100-yard rushing games last year, including a 161-yard effort against Miami (Ohio). Jones, who played wide receiver and defensive back during his first two seasons at Cincinnati, was moved back to his natural position of running back last year and was the Bearcats' leading rusher over the last five games of the season.

The fullback position is wide open.

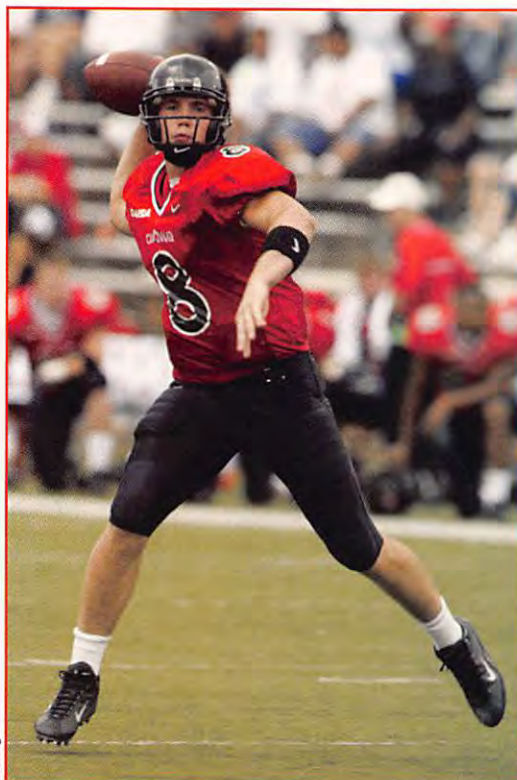
### Receivers

This was one of the biggest problem areas for Cincinnati last season. The receivers had a difficult time getting open, and they often dropped passes when they did elude defenders. Murray was the best of the lot, with 30 catches for 270 yards, but he failed to catch a touchdown pass. Expect him to play a more significant role this year.

"He's too good of a football player to stand over there and hold my hand," Dantonio says.

Junior Derick Ross (29 catches, 483 yards) also returns, along with sophomore Bill Poland. Sophomore Mike Daniels, a 5'7" speedster, caught seven passes for 126 yards and one touchdown.

But the star of this corps could be



Ric Fogel

## Post-Spring Analysis

### Keys to Rebounding in C-USA

For a first-time head coach, Mark Dantonio is walking into a pretty good situation at Cincinnati. He gets to build his team around the best quarterback in the school's history, protected by a proven offensive line, with one year to implement his system before moving to the Big East. After last year's 2-6 record in the league, expectations will be low for this team, but the Bearcats might surprise if last year's receivers mature and if Dantonio can find adequate replacements in his secondary. The Bearcats appear solid everywhere else, although depth could be a problem as it so often is with this program. The Sept. 11 home game against archrival Miami (Ohio) will be crucial to the team's success. If the Bearcats lose to Miami for the fourth year in a row, they could start 0-3 under their new coach.

### 2004 Schedule

S. 4	at Ohio State	L
S. 11	<b>Miami (Ohio)</b>	*
S. 18	at Syracuse	L
S. 25	<b>at East Carolina</b>	*
O. 2	UAB	L
O. 9	at Army	W
O. 23	Memphis	L
O. 30	TCU	L
N. 6	at Southern Miss	L
N. 20	South Florida	L
N. 27	at Louisville	L

\*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.  
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

**Gino Guidugli: 8,820 passing yards, 52 TDs in his UC career**





Andre Frazier

senior Hannibal Thomas, who came on strong in the second half of the season after failing to get on the field in Cincinnati's first four games. A junior college transfer from Pasadena (Calif.) City College, he didn't make his first reception until the seventh game but finished with 22 catches for 413 yards, an 18.8-yard average, and three touchdowns. He caught 10 passes for 173 yards against Memphis.

At tight end, senior A.J. Lucius returns, along with Brent Celek, who started three games as a freshman and showed great promise.

## NUMBERS GAME

**3** UC has lost three straight to Miami (Ohio) in the oldest rivalry west of the Allegheny Mountains. The Bearcats haven't lost four straight to Miami since they dropped five in a row from 1971-1975.

## Offensive Linemen

The Bearcats have four experienced seniors here, led by team captain Kyle Takavitz, a first-team all-conference selection a year ago. Takavitz, who can play either tackle or guard, has started every game the last two seasons. He is expected to settle in at left guard. Steve Eastlake returns at left tackle, with Matt Mercer at right guard and Clint Stickdown at right tackle. Joel Yakovac is expected to replace three-year starter Josh Shneyderov at center. "I feel like we have some depth there," Dantonio says.

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## RISEING STAR

In high school, Mike Daniels was an all-purpose quarterback touted by some long-time observers as the best high school player ever to emerge from the talent-rich Cincinnati area. At 5'7", 185 pounds, he's too small to play quarterback in college, so the former staff used him as a receiver, where he averaged 18 yards per catch as a seldom-used freshman. It's up to the new coaching staff to figure out how to better utilize his talents.

## Defensive Linemen

Trent Cole and Andre Frazier give Dantonio two quality building blocks at defensive end. Cole was a first-team all-conference selection, Frazier a second-team pick. Neither is especially big for the position, but both utilize great quickness and play with high energy.

"We're trying to attack more," Frazier says. "They said last year we were a little bit too passive on the line."

Adam Roberts played in all 12 games and made one start. He was primarily a backup for Cole at end.

The interior line is a question mark. The only tackle with substantial experience is senior Mike Wright, who made six starts last season after missing the entire 2002 season with a knee injury.

## Linebackers

Seniors Jamar Enzor, Tyjuan Hagler and Jason Russell form the heart of the Cincinnati defense. Enzor was the Bearcats' Most Valuable Player last year with 137 tackles in the middle. Hagler will start for the third straight year at outside linebacker and Russell will start for the second straight year. All three are quick and excellent in pursuit.

There's enough quality depth at this position that Dantonio is looking for ways to get some of the backups on the field at other positions. Dominic Ross, in particular, could find himself shifted to the secondary to take advantage of his athleticism and bolster an area where the Bearcats are shorthanded.

## Defensive Backs

Doug Monaghan, a four-year starter, is solid and reliable at strong safety. Daven Holly, a second-team all-conference selection at cornerback, runs a 4.39 40, making him one of the fastest players on the team. He intercepted six passes in 2003. But the Bearcats must find replacements for Zach Norton, a three-year starter at cornerback, and Franklin Callicott, who started last year at free safety.

JaJuan Hall is the likely starter at free safety after playing in 11 games there last year as a backup. Tedric Harwell began last season as a running back but was switched to defense,

where he saw some playing time at corner. None of the other defensive backfield candidates saw extensive playing time last year.

## Specialists

Chet Ervin handled both punting and long field goal duties last year, with walk-on Chris Manfredini coming on for short field goals and extra points. Both return this year.

Special teams is an area of concern for Dantonio. "That's where you win or lose a lot of close games," he says. "We've got to solidify that part of our game and make it more consistent."

The Bearcats have no established return threat, although this is one area where Daniels could be utilized. He returned three kickoffs last year for an average of 25.3 yards.

## Outside the Huddle

**Goodbye C-USA** The Bearcats are looking forward to their move to the Big East, but their stay in Conference USA has been productive. During their eight years in the league, they have played in four bowl games, ending a 46-year bowl drought in 1997 with an appearance in the inaugural Humanitarian Bowl. When they shared the Conference USA championship with TCU in 2002, it was their first conference championship since they won the Missouri Valley Conference title in 1964.

**Early test** Mark Dantonio's first game will be on Sept. 4 against his mentor, Jim Tressel, and Ohio State in Columbus. As AD Bob Goin says, "He's going to know their personnel, but he's not going to have their personnel." The last time Cincinnati played Ohio State, two dropped passes in the end zone cost the Bearcats an upset that would have kept the Buckeyes from winning the 2002 national championship.

**Joining the enemy** The Cincinnati-Miami (Ohio) rivalry game will take on a little added zest this year after Dantonio hired Pat Narduzzi as his defensive coordinator. Dantonio lured Narduzzi away from Miami, where his 2003 defense ranked first in the MAC in total defense, scoring defense, rushing defense and pass efficiency defense.



**Head Coach: Mark Dantonio • Record at School: First Season • Career Record: First Season**  
**Offensive Coordinator: Don Treadwell • Defensive Coordinator: Pat Narduzzi • Cincinnati, Ohio • Nippert Stadium (35,000)**

## 2004 Cincinnati Roster

## Projected Depth Chart

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
16 Carey, Collin	QB	6'2"	207	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
8 Guidugli, Gino	QB	6'3"	220	Sr.	Ft. Thomas, KY
17 Spitzer, Todd	QB	6'5"	220	Fr.	Greer, SC

Running Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
32 Arnold, Terry	RB	5'10"	190	So.	Tallahassee, FL
26 Eddington, Derrick	RB	5'7"	192	So.	Asheville, NC
3 Ferguson, Delbert	RB	6'1"	223	Fr.	Youngstown, OH
24 Hall, Richard	RB	5'11"	208	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
2 Jones, Carl	RB	5'9"	187	Jr.	Tampa, FL
41 Smith, Ken	FB	5'11"	234	So.	East Chicago, IN
31 Sparks, Evan	FB	6'0"	205	So.	Middletown, OH

Receivers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
14 Carter, Rodney	WR	6'0"	187	Jr.	Columbus, OH
85 Celek, Brent	TE	6'4"	240	So.	Cincinnati, OH
3 Daniels, Mike	WR	5'7"	185	So.	Cincinnati, OH
83 Davis, Hank	TE	6'4"	239	So.	Cincinnati, OH
15 Dawley, Cedric	WR	6'1"	193	Sr.	Lynwood, CA
81 Dudley, Walter	WR	5'11"	183	Sr.	Groveport, OH
80 Henderson, Jeff	WR	6'1"	198	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
86 Jones, Doug	TE	6'4"	275	Fr.	Erlanger, KY
89 Lucius, A.J.	TE	6'3"	250	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
7 Murray II, George	WR	6'1"	194	Sr.	Tallahassee, FL
88 Parks, Clint	WR	6'5"	205	Fr.	Decatur, GA
84 Poland, Bill	WR	6'3"	180	So.	Cincinnati, OH
22 Ross, Derick	WR	5'10"	186	Jr.	Marion, OH
9 Thomas, Hannibal	WR	6'3"	205	Sr.	Englewood, CA
82 Vample, Charlie	WR	6'0"	184	So.	Cincinnati, OH

Offensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
67 Bolton, Jeremy	T	6'5"	305	Fr.	Burlington, KY
70 Brown, Ryan	G	6'2"	275	Jr.	Strongsville, OH
72 Bujnoch, Digger	T	6'4"	265	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
71 Eastlake, Steve	T	6'5"	280	Sr.	Columbus, OH
52 Farsing, Patrick	C	6'3"	195	So.	Cincinnati, OH
65 Mercer, Matt	G	6'3"	300	Sr.	Villa Hills, KY
57 Reinstatler, Jeff	G	6'2"	283	So.	Ft. Thomas, KY
69 Schlicher, Jeremy	T	6'5"	283	Sr.	Marietta, OH
79 Shorter, Adam	G	6'6"	291	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
77 Stickdon, Clint	T	6'6"	308	Sr.	Baltimore, OH
78 Straub, Frank	T	6'6"	305	So.	Lexington, KY
75 Takavitz, Kyle	G	6'4"	303	Sr.	Powell, OH
63 Tobin, Jon	G	6'3"	290	Fr.	Lancaster, OH
58 Webster, Matt	C	6'3"	273	Jr.	Taylor Mill, KY
74 Yakovac, Joel	C	6'2"	283	Jr.	Mt. Lebanon, PA

Defensive Linemen	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
73 Brown, Darrell	DT	6'3"	264	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
90 Cole, Trent	DE	6'4"	250	Sr.	Wilberforce, OH
82 Craig, Angelo	DE	6'5"	205	Fr.	Cleveland, OH
64 Flores, Chris	DT	6'2"	230	Fr.	Wheaton, IL
91 Frazier, Andre	DE	6'5"	211	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
99 Germany, Donald	DE	6'0"	229	Jr.	Columbus, OH
97 Newton, Jon	DT	6'3"	270	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
94 Roberts, Adam	DE	6'3"	240	Jr.	Brooklyn, NY
61 Roth, Jordan	DT	6'2"	270	Fr.	North Canton, OH
95 Simmons, Lonnie	DT	6'4"	300	Sr.	Columbus, OH
71 St. Clair, Michael	DE	6'2"	175	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
50 Taylor, Lateef	DT	6'1"	296	So.	Loveland, OH
92 Wimmer, Jamie	DT	6'4"	280	So.	Avon, OH
98 Worthen, Craig	DE	6'3"	210	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
93 Wright, Mike	DT	6'5"	291	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH

Linebackers	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
56 Brown, Michael	LB	6'2"	234	Jr.	Reserve, LA
53 Carvetti, Tony	LB	6'0"	225	So.	Cincinnati, OH
46 Enzor, Jamar	LB	6'1"	222	Sr.	Havana, FL
42 Hagler, Tyjuan	LB	6'2"	222	Sr.	Kankakee, IL
19 Hazel, Kevin	LB	6'0"	206	Sr.	Columbus, OH
55 Murphy, Jamey	LB	6'2"	234	Sr.	Tallahassee, FL
49 Ross, Dominic	LB	6'0"	197	So.	Marion, OH
30 Russell, Jason	LB	6'2"	210	Sr.	Pittsburgh, PA
59 Wilson, Jermaine	LB	6'0"	219	Sr.	Tallahassee, FL

Defensive Backs	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
33 Bowie, John	CB	5'11"	186	So.	Columbus, OH
20 Dodd, Brian	CB	5'9"	188	So.	Hopkinsville, KY
38 Hall, JaJuan	FS	6'0"	185	So.	Detroit, MI
25 Harwell, Tedric	CB	5'11"	188	Sr.	Elkhart, IN
18 Holly, Daven	CB	5'11"	184	Sr.	Clairton, PA
5 Horton, Antoine	FS	5'10"	178	So.	Rochester, PA
35 Jackson, Jeremy	FS	5'10"	183	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
47 Jackson, Jonathan	CB	5'10"	198	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
45 Monaghan, Doug	SS	6'3"	210	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
37 Williams, Anthony	SS	6'1"	190	Fr.	LaGrange, GA
36 Zwiitt, Jonny	FS	5'11"	205	Jr.	Greenwood, IN

Specialists	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
12 Ervin, Chet	K	6'3"	186	Jr.	Sulphur, KY
11 Lear, Jordan	P	6'7"	225	Fr.	Zanesville, OH
21 Manfredini, Chris	K	5'9"	165	So.	Colleyville, TX

Offense (9)			
WR	7	George Murray II (Sr.)	84 Bill Poland (So.)
WR	22	Derick Ross (Jr.)	9 Hannibal Thomas (Sr.)
LT	71	Steve Eastlake (Sr.)	78 Frank Straub (So.)
LG	75	Kyle Takavitz (Sr.)	79 Adam Shorter (Sr.)
C	74	Joel Yakovac (Jr.)	58 Matt Webster (Jr.)
RG	65	Matt Mercer (Sr.)	57 Jeff Reinstatler (So.)
RT	77	Clint Stickdon (Sr.)	69 Jeremy Schlicher (Sr.)
TE	89	A.J. Lucius (Sr.)	85 Brent Celek (So.)
QB	8	Gino Guidugli (Sr.)	16 Collin Carey (Sr.)
FB	31	Evan Sparks (So.)	41 Ken Smith (So.)
RB	24	Richard Hall (Sr.)	2 Carl Jones (Jr.)

Defense (8)			
DE	91	Andre Frazier (Sr.)	82 Angelo Craig (Fr.)
DT	95	Lonnie Simmons (Sr.)	92 Jamie Wimmer (So.)
NT	93	Mike Wright (Sr.)	97 Jon Newton (Fr.)
DE	90	Trent Cole (Sr.)	94 Adam Roberts (Jr.)
OLB	30	Jason Russell (Sr.)	49 Dominic Ross (So.)
MLB	46	Jamar Enzor (Sr.)	59 Jermaine Wilson (Sr.)
OLB	42	Tyjuan Hagler (Sr.)	55 Jamey Murphy (Sr.)
CB	25	Tedric Harwell (Sr.)	20 Brian Dodd (So.)
CB	18	Daven Holly (Sr.)	33 John Bowie (So.)
SS	45	Doug Monaghan (Sr.)	37 Anthony Williams (Fr.)
FS	38	JaJuan Hall (So.)	5 Antoine Horton (So.)

Special teams			
K	12	Chet Ervin (Jr.)	KR 25 Tedric Harwell (Sr.)
P	12	Chet Ervin (Jr.)	PR 2 Carl Jones (Jr.)

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**BOLD** indicates returning starters

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Brad Bury	LB	6'1"	240	Marion, OH	Earnest Jackson	QB	6'3"	190	Southfield, MI
Trevor Canfield	OL	6'5"	300	Cincinnati, OH	Tyjuan Jones	DB	6'1"	205	Dayton, OH
Jon Carpenter	RB	5'11"	215	Lancaster, OH	Haruki Nakamura	WR	5'11"	180	Elyria, OH
Khalil El-Amin	OL	6'5"	310	Cincinnati, OH	Lamonte Nelms	DB	6'3"	210	Ravenna, OH
Delbert Ferguson	RB	6'1"	225	Youngstown, OH	Carlos Simpson	QB	5'10"	195	Cincinnati, OH
Bradley Glatthaar	RB	5'11"	215	Cincinnati, OH	DeAngelo Smith	DB	6'0"	180	Columbus, OH
Dustin Grutza	QB	6'3"	195	Maysville, KY	K.L. Smith	DB	6'0"	175	Copley, OH
Anthony Hoke	LB	6'1"	230	Warren, OH	Marcus Winston	LB	6'2"	220	Lansing, MI

Like most first-year coaches, Mark Dantonio and his staff got a late start on recruiting. They also ran into some negative publicity in Cincinnati after they decided to re-evaluate several local players who had made oral commitments to the Rick Minter regime. Because of the late start, they weren't filling needs as much as they were stockpiling as many quality athletes as they could in an attempt to improve the Bearcats' talent level as they head into the Big East. The Bearcats may have landed a winner in running back Delbert Ferguson from Warren (Ohio) Harding High School. Ferguson rushed for 4,982 yards and 60 touchdowns during his high school career but broke his leg in the ninth game of his senior season, which may have caused some other schools to back off. Quarterback Dustin Grutza from Maysville, Ky., could be the replacement for Guidugli next year. Running back Jon Carpenter rushed for 1,900 yards and 32 touchdowns playing at Lancaster High School for his father, Rob Carpenter, a former Miami (Ohio) star and NFL player.

## 2003 Results — 5-7 (2-6 C-USA)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
S. 1	East Carolina	W	40-3
S. 13	at West Virginia	W	15-13
S. 20	Temple	(3ot) W	30-24
S. 27	at Miami (OH)	L	37-42
O. 4	Southern Miss	L	20-22
O. 11	at UAB	L	14-31
O. 25	Army	W	33-29
O. 31	at South Florida	(2ot) L	17-24
N. 8	Rhode Island	W	31-24
N. 15	at TCU	L	10-43
N. 22	at Memphis	L	16-21
N. 28	Louisville	L	40-43

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Gino Guidugli, 425-227-2,704-10, 14 TDs  
**Rushing:** Richard Hall, 185 car., 777 yds., 8 TDs  
**Receiving:** George Murray II, 30 rec., 270 yds., 0 TDs  
**Scoring:** Richard Hall, 10 TDs, 60 points  
**Punting:** Chet Ervin, 63 punts, 38.9 avg.  
**Kicking:** Chris Manfredini, 10-11 FGs, 27-29 XPs, 57 points  
**Tackles:** Jamar Enzor, 137, 79 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Trent Cole, 14 for 56 yds.  
**Sacks:** Andre Frazier, 6  
**Interceptions:** Daven Holly, 6 for 58 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** Mike Daniels, 3 ret., 25.3 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Carl Jones, 9 ret., 15.0 avg.



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The believers filled a hotel ballroom in Chicago last spring, and for one evening, the institution of Notre Dame football was right where they know it should be — looking down at everyone else. Ara Parseghian was before them, 40 years after he had arrived to rescue a program from the mediocrity of the early sixties. There were those who said back then that Notre Dame could never win again at a championship level, that the academic standards were too demanding, that the old days were gone forever.

Is this beginning to sound familiar?

So after the frustration of a 5-7 season — with blowout losses of a magnitude unprecedented in school history — there was no better person for the Domers to stand and cheer. The hope for a new season may actually obscure the static of the last few months: the ongoing speculation about potential conference membership, Heisman winner Paul Hornung's high-profile but misguided thesis on the need to lower academic standards to attract minority athletes, and the manifesto created and publicized by a collection of dissatisfied alums. (This just in: They don't like losing.)

As Parseghian stood at a podium and tried unsuccessfully to get the audience to stop cheering, the issues surrounding Tyrone Willingham's program felt far

away. When these alums were students and the reality of a South Bend winter closed in, they would say, "Ara Stop The Snow!" One night, when a power problem caused a delay at an Irish home basketball game, they chanted "Ara Fix The Lights!" They did not chant "Ara Fix The Team" on this night. They knew he would if he could.

But they listened to an interesting thought. "Tyrone Willingham's record is 15-10," Parseghian told the crowd. "He was 10-3 in his first season and 5-7 in his second season. But what would you think if he was 5-7 in his first season and 10-3 last year?"

If anyone else had said that, it would have sounded like a hollow endorsement. But somehow, the way Parseghian made his point, it made sense. Four decades after his 9-1 inaugural season brought the Fighting Irish back to life, Ara was preaching to the choir, saying that one day, it could happen again.

### Quarterbacks

This is Brady Quinn's offense. The uncertainty of last season, when Quinn replaced Carlyle Holiday four games into his freshman season, has been replaced by a sense of stability. The issue now is depth.

Despite the problems that resulted

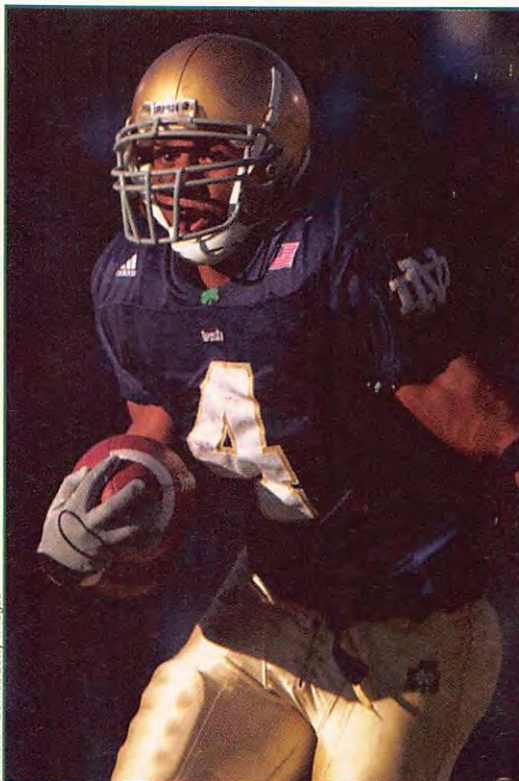
from an inexperienced and injured offensive line, Quinn was able to display flashes of what he can become. Quinn established a school record with 332 pass attempts, and his total of 157 completions ranks third behind Ron Powlus in 1997 and Jarious Jackson in 1999. The thread: Each of those seasons was considered a disappointment but led to dramatic improvement under a different quarterback in the following year. This time, Quinn will have a chance to lead that improvement.

Pat Dillingham, a senior whose game-winning touchdown pass at Michigan State jumpstarted the 2002 season, is expected to provide depth at the position.

### Running Backs

Senior Ryan Grant averaged just over a half-yard less per carry last season than he did in 2002. But a dramatic decrease in opportunities — due to Julius Jones' return to action — reduced his yardage from 1,085 and nine touchdowns as a sophomore to 510 yards and three scores last season. Grant will have a chance to regain his status as a 1,000-yard rusher.

The only other running back with any playing time last season is Marcus Wilson, who appeared on special teams. Freshmen Darius Walker and Justin Hoskins could earn a chance to con-



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## Post-Spring Analysis

### Keys to Substantial Progress

It's gotten to the point where the prospect of eight or nine wins is considered optimistic at Notre Dame. The first key for the Irish this year is to hit the ground running, or even that humble (by Notre Dame standards) goal will be unattainable. Coach Ty Willingham's club opens with Michigan. A season-opening loss could put the Irish on track for another dismal year, so the first order of business is to prepare this summer for a dogfight on Day One. Quarterback Brady Quinn will have to turn last year's baptism of fire into an advantage from an experience standpoint and operate the high-tech Irish offense with the confidence and poise he appears to possess. Defensively, the cornerback position could be a stumbling block — there are lots of warm bodies but no known big-game playmakers.

### 2004 Schedule

S. 11	Michigan	L
<b>S. 18</b>	<b>at Michigan State</b>	*
S. 25	Washington	W
<b>O. 2</b>	<b>Purdue</b>	*
O. 9	Stanford	W
O. 16	#Navy	W
<b>O. 23</b>	<b>Boston College</b>	*
O. 30	at BYU	W
N. 6	at Tennessee	L
N. 13	Pittsburgh	W
N. 27	at USC	L
	#East Rutherford, NJ	

\*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season. W or L indicates a projected win or loss

**Ryan Grant: 338 yards shy of career 2,000 mark**





*Rhema McKnight*





**Justin Tuck**

tribute. Former tailback Rashon Powers-Neal, who was moved to the fullback position last season, was the second-leading ground gainer in 2002.

## NUMBERS GAME

**3** *Won't those echoes ever go away? The factor that has separated championship-level Irish coaches from the others has been winning a national championship in the third season.*

## Receivers

This could become one of the deepest and most talented areas of the team, particularly if Holiday's continued progress makes the 6'3" senior a leading target for Quinn's passes. Holiday, who was considered an impact recruit when he chose the Irish over Nebraska, caught just two passes after making the transition to receiver last season. But a full off-season of work could lead to the type of progress that one-time quarterback Arnaz Battle showed on his way to the NFL as a receiver. Rhema McKnight caught 47 passes for 600 yards and three touchdowns last season, and Maurice Stovall caught 22 for 421 yards and three touchdowns.

## Offensive Linemen

The hope is that one of the trouble spots of the '03 season can follow a pattern of past success. The frustration of the 1997 season led to

the maturity of the 1998 group that beat defending national champion Michigan. The attrition problems of 1999 led to the growth of the 2000 line that took the Irish to a nine-victory season.

Inexperience and injury have turned into an opportunity to develop a cohesive unit. Bob Morton, who started 11 games last season, moves from center to guard for 2004. The highly recruited John Sullivan, who did not play last year, will move in at center. Guards Mark LeVoir and Dan Stevenson return, but LeVoir jumps over to right tackle.

Sophomore Ryan Harris, a starter for the last eight games of the season at right tackle, is now at left tackle. Center Zach Giles, guard Jamie Ryan and tackle Brian Mattes, who was converted from the defensive line, could emerge.

## Defensive Linemen

This group will have to excel to bring forcefulness back to the defense. Defensive end Justin Tuck set a school record last season with 13.5 sacks but injured his knee on the Carrier Dome turf in the finale and missed spring practice. Fifth-year senior Kyle Budinscak has grown into a reliable member of the unit but also spent the spring nursing a knee. Victor Abiamiri could become a force at the end position this season.

Fifth-year senior Greg Pauly is the leader among the tackles and Derek Landri should get a chance to meet the high expectations that began with his arrival on campus. Trevor Laws, who did not play last season, could make an important contribution.

## Linebackers

Fifth-year senior Mike Goolsby ranked third on the team with 75 tackles in 2002 and led the Irish with 13 tackles for a loss, but he missed the '03 season because of a shoulder injury he suffered in the Gator Bowl. His successful return at inside linebacker is essential for a group that is seeking to establish an identity.

Junior Brandon Hoyte returns from a season in which he recorded 74 tackles. Derek Curry, a two-year starter, will lead the outside linebackers.

## RISING STAR

*Trevor Laws did not play last season, but the 2002 first-team USA TODAY All-America selection will have the chance to make his mark at defensive tackle. His path was blocked last year by the presence of Cedric Hilliard and Greg Pauly, but Hilliard's departure gives Laws an opportunity this fall.*

## Defensive Backs

An inexperienced group could determine the extent of the progress the Irish will make this season. Cornerbacks Dwight Ellick and Preston Jackson were part-time starters a year ago who will be asked to take on larger roles this fall. Quentin Burrell is the most experienced among the safeties. Free safety Tom Zbikowski, a high-profile recruit, could make strides this season.

## Specialists

D.J. Fitzpatrick has already earned his place in the hearts of the faithful, after his game-ending field goal preserved a four-decade winning streak over the school Lou Holtz referred to as the University of Navy.

The unidentified leg injury to former kicker and punter Nicholas Setta gave Fitzpatrick a chance to gain experience. He could handle both jobs, but Geoffrey Price will be given an opportunity to be the punter.

## Outside the Huddle

**Winning the close ones** Tyrone Willingham's two-year Notre Dame record in games decided by eight points or less: 9-3.

**Outranked** During the last seven seasons, the Irish have had a winning record against ranked opponents in just one season—the 4-2 mark in 2002, Willingham's first season.

**Un-Notre Dame-like** Until 2003, Notre Dame hadn't been shut out by more than 30 points twice in the same season since 1904. Over a span of seven quarters at home in 2003 the Irish were outscored 68-0.

**Breaking new ground** Notre Dame has now endured a third losing season in five years for the first time in school history.

**Young and restless** Brady Quinn was one of six true freshmen in the nation to start at quarterback last season, and his total of nine starts was exceeded by just two others, Reggie Ball of Georgia Tech and Kevin Kolb of Houston. Florida's Chris Leak also started nine times.

**Still No. 1?** Notre Dame's longtime status as the nation's winningest program is on shaky ground. The Irish lost the top spot to Michigan with a season-ending loss to Syracuse, then got it back (.7461-.7458) with the Wolverines' Rose Bowl loss.





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## 2004 Notre Dame Roster

Quarterbacks	POS	HT	WT	CL	Hometown
9 Dillingham, Pat	QB	6'2"	210	Sr.	Portola Valley, CA
8 Mooney, Marty	QB	6'2"	210	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
10 Quinn, Brady	QB	6'4"	220	So.	Dublin, OH
16 Revelle, Stan	QB	5'11"	191	Jr.	Poplar Bluffs, MO
17 Warren, J.J.	QB	6'1"	184	Jr.	St. Helena, CA
Running Backs					
4 Grant, Ryan	RB	6'1"	211	Sr.	Nyack, NY
32 Jenkins, Jeff	RB	6'0"	215	So.	Ann Arbor, MI
28 Laux, Cole	FB	5'10"	240	Sr.	Mishawaka, IN
27 Lyons, John	RB	6'1"	192	So.	Sioux Falls, SD
35 McConnell, Ashley	FB	5'11"	238	Fr.	Adairsville, GA
16 Powers-Neal, Rashon	FB	6'2"	237	Jr.	St. Paul, MN
25 Schiccatano, Nate	FB	6'2"	236	So.	Coal Township, PA
12 Schmidt, Josh	FB	6'1"	226	Sr.	Germantown, TN
26 Thomas, Travis	RB	6'0"	208	Fr.	Washington, PA
11 Wilson, Marcus	RB	5'11"	201	Jr.	Staten Island, NY
Receivers					
23 Anastasio, Chase	WR	6'1"	202	Fr.	Burke, VA
89 Carlson, John	TE	6'5"	240	Fr.	Litchfield, MN
1 Clark, Jared	TE	6'4"	244	Sr.	Sarasota, FL
48 Collins, Jerome	TE	6'4"	255	Sr.	Warrenville, IL
88 Fasano, Anthony	TE	6'4"	249	So.	Verona, NJ
87 Freeman, Marcus	TE	6'2"	245	So.	St. Paul, MN
81 Harris, Brandon	WR	6'1"	186	Jr.	New Orleans, LA
7 Holiday, Carlyle	WR	6'3"	221	Sr.	San Antonio, TX
5 McKnight, Rhema	WR	6'1"	208	Jr.	La Palma, CA
84 O'Hara, Mike	WR	5'9"	177	Jr.	Bellevue, WA
85 Palmer, Billy	TE	6'3"	257	Sr.	Wyntree Heathrow, FL
83 Samardzija, Jeff	WR	6'5"	208	So.	Valparaiso, IN
82 Shelton, Matt	WR	6'0"	172	Jr.	Collierville, TN
21 Stovall, Maurice	WR	6'5"	224	Jr.	Philadelphia, PA
84 Woods, Rob	WR	6'2"	205	Jr.	Atlantic, IA
Offensive Linemen					
59 Bent, James	OL	6'1"	261	Jr.	Mishawaka, IN
71 Bonelli, James	OL	6'4"	272	So.	Camarillo, CA
64 Dunn, Casey	OL	6'4"	256	Sr.	Miami, FL
54 Fitzgerald, David	OL	6'4"	282	Jr.	Godfrey, IL
55 Giles, Zachary	C	6'3"	285	Jr.	Marshfield, MA
68 Harris, Ryan	OL	6'5"	285	So.	St. Paul, MN
73 LeVoi, Mark	T	6'7"	317	Jr.	Eden Prairie, MN
79 Mattes, Brian	T	6'5"	285	So.	Larksville, PA
69 Mitchell, Darin	G	6'3"	287	Jr.	Jonesboro, GA
76 Morton, Bob	OL	6'4"	298	So.	McKinney, TX
62 Raridon, Scott	T	6'6"	300	So.	Mason City, IA
51 Ryan, Jamie	OL	6'5"	307	So.	Tamaqua, PA
50 Santucci, Dan	OL	6'4"	289	So.	Chicago, IL
74 Stevenson, Dan	G	6'5"	293	Jr.	Barrington, IL
78 Sullivan, John	C	6'3"	288	Fr.	Old Greenwich, CT
72 Thompson, Jeff	C	6'4"	294	Jr.	Granger, IN
Defensive Linemen					
95 Abiamiri, Victor	DL	6'4"	265	So.	Randallstown, MD
90 Beidatsch, Brian	DL	6'2"	297	Jr.	Milwaukee, WI
92 Budinscak, Kyle	DE	6'4"	270	Sr.	Bridgewater, NJ
59 Chervanick, Dan	DL	6'1"	257	Jr.	Leesport, PA
75 Frome, Chris	DE	6'5"	268	So.	Saugus, CA
96 Hasbrook, Matt	DL	6'2"	281	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
66 Landri, Derek	NG	6'2"	281	So.	Concord, CA
98 Laws, Trevor	DL	6'0"	289	Fr.	Burnsville, MN
97 Leitko, Travis	DE	6'6"	267	So.	The Woodlands, TX
77 Pauly, Greg	DT	6'6"	295	Sr.	Waukesha, WI
44 Tuck, Justin	DE	6'5"	239	Jr.	Kellyton, AL
Linebackers					
53 Bolland, Joseph	LB	6'3"	224	Jr.	Drexel Hill, PA
56 Borsetti, Nick	LB	6'4"	236	Fr.	Saugus, MA
52 Brockington, Joe	LB	6'1"	226	Fr.	Palmyra, PA
60 Cullen, Casey	LB	6'2"	212	So.	Victoria, TX
49 Curry, Derek	OLB	6'3"	234	Sr.	Sealy, TX
41 Goolsby, Mike	ILB	6'4"	248	Sr.	Joliet, IL
39 Hoyte, Brandon	ILB	5'11"	230	Jr.	Parlin, NJ
46 Mays, Corey	ILB	6'1"	244	Jr.	Chicago, IL
43 Salvador, Anthony	ILB	6'2"	229	Jr.	Concord, CA
57 Stephenson, Jr., Dwight	LB	6'2"	236	Fr.	Delray Beach, FL
47 Thomas, Mitchell	LB	6'3"	229	Fr.	Opelika, AL
40 Webber, Ray	LB	5'11"	229	Sr.	North Royalton, OH
Defensive Backs					
27 Bolen, Lionel	SS	6'0"	206	Jr.	Westhampton, NJ
8 Burrell, Quentin	FS	6'0"	187	Sr.	Decatur, GA
6 Campbell, Carlos	CB	5'11"	197	Sr.	Hampton, VA
31 Carney, Jake	FS	6'0"	186	So.	Lexington, KY
31 Cedeno, A.J.	DB	6'0"	191	So.	Pittsburg, KS
24 Ellick, Dwight	CB	5'10"	183	Sr.	Tampa, FL
20 Gardner, Isaiah	DB	5'11"	192	Fr.	Virginia Beach, VA
29 Hedgemon II, LaBrose	DB	5'9"	183	Fr.	Hoover, AL
15 Jackson, Preston	CB	5'9"	176	Sr.	Tampa, FL
37 Mitchell, Matt	DB	5'9"	182	Jr.	Memphis, TN
18 Ndukwe, Chinedum	DB	6'2"	219	So.	Powell, OH
2 Parish IV, Freddie	DB	6'0"	201	So.	Redondo Beach, CA
30 Richardson, Mike	CB	5'11"	188	So.	Warner Robins, GA
45 Whitney III, Rich	DB/WR	6'3"	205	Jr.	Warminster, PA
22 Wooden, Ambrose	CB	5'11"	188	Fr.	Baltimore, MD
9 Zbikowski, Tom	DB	5'11"	202	Fr.	Arlington Heights, IL
Specialists					
91 Cardillo, Craig	K	6'0"	169	Jr.	Hauppauge, NY
19 Fitzpatrick, D.J.	K/P	6'1"	195	Sr.	Granger, IN
45 Gioia, Carl	K/P	5'10"	180	Fr.	Valparaiso, IN
53 Hickey, Dan	LS	6'3"	224	Jr.	Garden City, NY
17 Price, Geoffrey	P	6'3"	194	Fr.	Hurst, TX
96 Renkes, Bobby	K/P	6'0"	188	So.	Dallas, TX

## Projected Depth Chart

Offense (8)			
SE	21	Maurice Stovall (Jr.)	83 Jeff Samardzija (So.)
FL	5	Rhema McKnight (Jr.)	7 Carlyle Holiday (Sr.)
LT	68	Ryan Harris (So.)	79 Brian Mattes (So.)
LG	76	Bob Morton (So.)	50 Dan Santucci (So.)
C	78	John Sullivan (Fr.)	55 Zachary Giles (Jr.)
RT	74	Dan Stevenson (Jr.)	51 Jamie Ryan (So.)
RG	73	Mark LeVoi (Jr.)	62 Scott Raridon (So.)
TE	85	Billy Palmer (Sr.)	1 Jared Clark (Sr.)
QB	10	Brady Quinn (So.)	9 Pat Dillingham (Sr.)
FB	16	Rashon Powers-Neal (Jr.)	12 Josh Schmidt (Sr.)
RB	4	Ryan Grant (Sr.)	11 Marcus Wilson (Jr.)
Defense (6)			
DE	95	Victor Abiamiri (So.)	92 Kyle Budinscak (Sr.)
NG	66	Derek Landri (So.)	98 Trevor Laws (Fr.)
DT	77	Greg Pauly (Sr.)	90 Brian Beidatsch (Jr.)
DE	44	Justin Tuck (Jr.)	97 Travis Leitko (So.)
OLB	49	Derek Curry (Sr.)	47 Mitchell Thomas (Fr.)
MLB	41	Mike Goolsby (Sr.)	46 Corey Mays (Jr.)
WLB	39	Brandon Hoyte (Jr.)	52 Joe Brockington (Fr.)
CB	24	Dwight Ellick (Sr.)	30 Mike Richardson (So.)
CB	15	Preston Jackson (Sr.)	6 Carlos Campbell (Sr.)
SS	2	Freddie Parish IV (So.)	27 Lionel Bolen (Jr.)
FS	8	Quentin Burrell (Sr.)	9 Tom Zbikowski (Fr.)
Special Teams			
K	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick (Sr.)	KR 82 Matt Shelton (Jr.)
P	17	Geoffrey Price (Fr.)	PR 7 Carlyle Holiday (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters  
**BOLD** indicates returning starters

## 2004 Signees

Abdel Banda	LB	6'2"	215	Orange, NJ	John Kadous	OL	6'7"	310	Tucson, AZ
Darrin Bragg	QB	6'2"	185	San Jose, CA	Terrail Lambert	DB	5'10"	190	Oxnard, CA
Justin Brown	DL	6'4"	225	Clinton, MD	Brandon Nicolas	DL	6'5"	275	Santa Ana, CA
Maurice Crum, Jr.	LB	6'1"	215	Riverview, FL	Ronald Talley	DL	6'4"	245	Oak Park, MI
Tregg Duerson	DB	5'10"	170	Highland Park, IL	Chris Vaughn	WR	6'4"	205	New Haven, CT
Leo Ferrine	DB	6'0"	180	Springfield, NJ	Anthony Vernaglia	LB	6'4"	220	Anaheim Hills, CA
Justin Hoskins	RB	6'0"	195	Grand Rapids, MI	Darius Walker	RB	5'11"	200	Lawrenceville, GA
Chauncey Incarnato	OL	6'6"	280	Dover, OH	David Wolke	QB	6'4"	205	Mt. Juliet, TN
Junior Jabbie	DB	5'11"	190	Parlin, NJ					

For what it's worth, the Irish did not dazzle the recruiting gurus on signing day. But then, what is a recruiting ranking worth?

Running back Darius Walker, defensive back Terrail Lambert and linebacker Anthony Vernaglia appear to be the leaders of the class. Walker and tailback Justin Hoskins were the Players of the Year in Georgia and Michigan respectively. Vernaglia and offensive tackle John Kadous participated in the U.S. Army All-America game in San Antonio. Lambert and cornerback Junior Jabbie bring speed. Defensive end Ronald Talley brings a nasty streak.

Quarterbacks David Wolke and Darrin Bragg will be asked to internalize the complicated playbook sooner rather than later. There is a good chance one or the other will come out of the redshirt so that there will be three quarterbacks available without having to move Carlyle Holiday back from wide receiver.

## 2003 Results — 5-7

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
S. 6	Washington State (ot) W		29-26
S. 13	at Michigan	L	0-38
S. 20	Michigan State	L	16-22
S. 27	at Purdue	L	10-23
O. 11	at Pittsburgh	W	20-14
O. 18	USC	L	14-45
O. 25	at Boston College	L	25-27
N. 1	Florida State	L	0-37
N. 8	Navy	W	27-24
N. 15	BYU	W	33-14
N. 29	at Stanford	W	57-7
D. 6	at Syracuse	L	12-38

## Returning Leaders

**Passing:** Brady Quinn, 332-157-1,831-15, 9 TDs  
**Rushing:** Ryan Grant, 143 car., 510 yds., 3 TDs  
**Receiving:** Rhema McKnight, 47 rec., 600 yds., 3 TDs  
**Scoring:** D.J. Fitzpatrick, 12 FGs, 17 XPs, 53 points  
**Punting:** D.J. Fitzpatrick, 44 punts, 36.8 avg.  
**Kicking:** D.J. Fitzpatrick, 12-17 FGs, 17-18 XPs, 53 points  
**Tackles:** Brandon Hoyte, 74, 48 solo  
**Tackles for loss:** Justin Tuck, 19 for 117 yds.  
**Sacks:** Justin Tuck, 13.5  
**Interceptions:** Quentin Burrell, 4 for 18 yds.  
**Kickoff returns:** Matt Shelton, 11 ret., 15.8 avg.  
**Punt returns:** Rhema McKnight, 5 ret., 14.2 avg.



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S. 25 at Florida State  
O. 7 at Virginia  
O. 16 Utah State  
O. 23 Maryland  
O. 30 NC State  
N. 6 at Miami  
N. 13 at Duke  
N. 20 South Carolina

### DUKE (4-8)

Durham, NC  
S. 4 at Navy  
S. 11 at Connecticut  
S. 18 at Virginia Tech  
S. 25 Maryland  
O. 2 The Citadel  
O. 16 at Georgia Tech  
O. 23 Virginia  
O. 30 at Wake Forest  
N. 6 at Florida State  
N. 13 Clemson  
N. 20 North Carolina

### FLORIDA STATE (10-3)

Tallahassee, FL  
S. 6 at Miami  
S. 18 UAB  
S. 25 Clemson  
O. 2 North Carolina  
O. 9 at Syracuse  
O. 16 Virginia  
O. 23 at Wake Forest  
O. 30 Duke  
N. 6  
N. 11 at NC State  
N. 20 Florida

### GEORGIA TECH (7-6)

Atlanta, GA  
S. 4 Samford  
S. 11 at Clemson  
S. 18 at North Carolina  
O. 2 Miami  
O. 9 at Maryland  
O. 16 Duke  
O. 28 Virginia Tech  
N. 6 at NC State  
N. 13 Connecticut  
N. 20 Virginia  
N. 27 at Georgia

### MARYLAND (10-3)

College Park, MD  
S. 4 Northern Illinois  
S. 11 Temple  
S. 18 at West Virginia  
S. 25 at Duke  
O. 9 Georgia Tech  
O. 16 NC State  
O. 23 at Clemson  
O. 30 Florida State  
N. 6 at Virginia  
N. 18 at Virginia Tech  
N. 27 Wake Forest

### MIAMI (11-2)

Coral Gables, FL  
S. 6 Florida State  
S. 18 Louisiana Tech  
S. 23 at Houston  
O. 2 at Georgia Tech  
O. 14 Louisville  
O. 23 at NC State  
O. 30 at North Carolina  
N. 6 Clemson  
N. 13 at Virginia  
N. 20 Wake Forest  
D. 4 Virginia Tech

### NORTH CAROLINA (2-10)

Chapel Hill, NC  
S. 4 William & Mary  
S. 11 at Virginia  
S. 18 Georgia Tech  
S. 25 Louisville  
O. 2 at Florida State  
O. 9 NC State  
O. 16 at Utah  
O. 30 Miami  
N. 6 at Virginia Tech  
N. 13 at Wake Forest  
N. 20 at Duke

### NC STATE (8-5)

Raleigh, NC  
S. 4 Richmond  
S. 18 Ohio State  
S. 25 at Virginia Tech  
O. 2 Wake Forest  
O. 9 at North Carolina  
O. 16 at Maryland  
O. 23 Miami  
O. 30 at Clemson  
N. 6 Georgia Tech  
N. 11 Florida State  
N. 27 East Carolina  
#Charlotte, NC

## VIRGINIA (8-5)

Charlottesville, VA  
S. 4 at Temple  
S. 11 North Carolina  
S. 18 Akron  
S. 25 Syracuse  
O. 7 Clemson  
O. 16 at Florida State  
O. 23 at Duke  
N. 6 Maryland  
N. 13 Miami  
N. 20 at Georgia Tech  
N. 27 at Virginia Tech

## VIRGINIA TECH (8-5)

Blacksburg, VA  
A. 28 #USC  
S. 11 Western Michigan  
S. 4 at Navy  
S. 11 at Connecticut  
S. 18 at Virginia Tech  
S. 25 Maryland  
O. 2 The Citadel  
O. 16 at Georgia Tech  
O. 23 Virginia  
O. 30 at Wake Forest  
N. 6 at North Carolina  
N. 18 Maryland  
N. 27 Virginia  
D. 4 at Miami  
#Landover, MD

## WAKE FOREST (5-7)

Winston-Salem, NC  
S. 4 at Clemson  
S. 11 at East Carolina  
S. 18 North Carolina A&T  
S. 25 Boston College  
O. 2 at NC State  
O. 9 Virginia Tech  
O. 23 Florida State  
O. 30 Duke  
N. 13 North Carolina  
N. 20 at Miami  
N. 27 at Maryland

## BIG EAST

### BOSTON COLLEGE (8-5)

Chestnut Hill, MA  
S. 2 at Ball State  
S. 11 Penn State  
S. 17 Connecticut  
S. 25 at Wake Forest  
O. 2 Massachusetts  
O. 16 at Pittsburgh  
O. 23 at Notre Dame  
N. 6 Rutgers  
N. 13 at West Virginia  
N. 20 at Temple  
N. 27 Syracuse

### CONNECTICUT (9-3)

Storrs, CT  
S. 4 Murray State  
S. 11 Duke  
S. 17 at Boston College  
S. 25 Army  
O. 30 Pittsburgh  
O. 13 West Virginia  
O. 23 Temple  
O. 30 at Syracuse  
N. 13 at Georgia Tech  
N. 20 Buffalo  
N. 25 at Rutgers

### PITTSBURGH (8-5)

Pittsburgh, PA  
S. 4 at South Florida  
S. 11 Ohio  
S. 18 Nebraska  
S. 25 Furman  
O. 30 at Connecticut  
O. 9 at Temple  
O. 16 Boston College  
O. 23 Rutgers  
N. 6 at Syracuse  
N. 13 at Notre Dame  
N. 25 West Virginia

### RUTGERS (5-7)

New Brunswick, NJ  
S. 4 Michigan State  
S. 11 New Hampshire  
S. 18 Kent State  
O. 2 at Syracuse  
O. 9 at Vanderbilt  
O. 16 Temple  
O. 23 at Pittsburgh  
O. 30 West Virginia  
N. 6 at Boston College  
N. 20 at Navy  
N. 25 Connecticut

### SYRACUSE (6-6)

Syracuse, NY  
S. 4 Toledo  
S. 11 Purdue  
S. 11 at Buffalo  
S. 18 Cincinnati  
S. 25 at Virginia  
O. 2 Rutgers  
O. 9 Florida State  
O. 21 at West Virginia  
O. 30 Connecticut  
N. 6 Pittsburgh  
N. 13 at Temple  
N. 27 at Boston College

## TEMPLE (1-11)

Philadelphia, PA  
S. 4 Virginia  
S. 11 at Maryland  
S. 18 Florida A&M  
S. 25 at Toledo  
O. 2 Bowling Green  
O. 9 Pittsburgh  
O. 16 at Rutgers  
O. 23 at Connecticut  
N. 6 at West Virginia  
N. 13 Syracuse  
N. 20 Boston College

## WEST VIRGINIA (8-5)

Morgantown, WV  
S. 4 East Carolina  
S. 11 at UCF  
S. 18 Maryland  
S. 25 James Madison  
O. 2 at Virginia Tech  
O. 13 at Connecticut  
O. 21 Syracuse  
O. 30 at Rutgers  
N. 6 Temple  
N. 13 Boston College  
N. 25 at Pittsburgh

## BIG TEN

### ILLINOIS (1-11)

Champaign, IL  
S. 4 Florida A&M  
S. 11 UCLA  
S. 18 Western Michigan  
S. 25 Purdue  
O. 2 at Wisconsin  
O. 9 at Michigan State  
O. 16 Michigan  
O. 23 at Minnesota  
O. 30 Iowa  
N. 6 Indiana  
N. 20 at Northwestern

### INDIANA (2-10)

Bloomington, IN  
S. 4 Central Michigan  
S. 11 at Oregon  
S. 18 at Kentucky  
S. 25 Michigan State  
O. 2 Michigan  
O. 9 at Northwestern  
O. 23 at Ohio State  
O. 30 Minnesota  
N. 6 at Illinois  
N. 13 Penn State  
N. 20 at Purdue

### IOWA (10-3)

Iowa City, IA  
S. 4 Kent State  
S. 11 Iowa State  
S. 18 at Arizona State  
S. 25 at Michigan  
O. 2 Michigan State  
O. 16 Ohio State  
O. 23 at Penn State  
O. 30 at Illinois  
N. 6 Purdue  
N. 13 at Minnesota  
N. 20 Wisconsin

### MICHIGAN (10-3)

Ann Arbor, MI  
S. 4 Miami (OH)  
S. 11 at Notre Dame  
S. 18 San Diego State  
S. 25 Iowa  
O. 2 at Indiana  
O. 9 Minnesota  
O. 16 at Illinois  
O. 23 at Purdue  
O. 30 Michigan State  
N. 13 Northwestern  
N. 20 at Ohio State

### MICHIGAN STATE (8-5)

East Lansing, MI  
S. 4 at Rutgers  
S. 11 Central Michigan  
S. 18 Notre Dame  
S. 25 at Indiana  
O. 2 at Iowa  
O. 9 Illinois  
O. 16 Minnesota  
O. 30 at Michigan  
N. 6 Ohio State  
N. 13 Wisconsin  
N. 20 at Penn State  
D. 4 at Hawaii

### MINNESOTA (10-3)

Minneapolis, MN  
S. 4 Toledo  
S. 11 Illinois State  
S. 18 at Colorado State  
S. 25 Northwestern  
O. 2 Penn State  
O. 9 at Michigan  
O. 16 at Michigan State  
O. 23 Illinois  
O. 30 at Indiana  
N. 6 at Wisconsin  
N. 13 Iowa

## NORTHWESTERN (6-7)

Evanston, IL  
S. 2 at TCU  
S. 11 Arizona State  
S. 18 Kansas  
S. 25 at Minnesota  
O. 2 Ohio State  
O. 9 Indiana  
O. 23 at Wisconsin  
O. 30 Purdue  
N. 6 at Penn State  
N. 13 at Michigan  
N. 20 Illinois  
N. 27 at Hawaii

## OHIO STATE (11-2)

Columbus, OH  
S. 4 Cincinnati  
S. 11 Marshall  
S. 18 at NC State  
O. 2 at Northwestern  
O. 9 Wisconsin  
O. 16 at Iowa  
O. 23 Indiana  
O. 30 Penn State  
N. 6 at Michigan State  
N. 13 at Purdue  
N. 20 Michigan

## PENN STATE (3-9)

University Park, PA  
S. 4 Akron  
S. 11 at Boston College  
S. 18 UCF  
S. 25 at Wisconsin  
O. 2 at Minnesota  
O. 9 Purdue  
O. 23 Iowa  
O. 30 at Ohio State  
N. 6 Northwestern  
N. 13 at Indiana  
N. 20 Michigan State

## PURDUE (9-4)

West Lafayette, IN  
S. 5 Syracuse  
S. 11 Ball State  
S. 25 at Illinois  
O. 2 at Notre Dame  
O. 9 at Penn State  
O. 16 Wisconsin  
O. 23 Michigan  
O. 30 at Northwestern  
N. 6 at Iowa  
N. 13 Ohio State  
N. 20 Indiana

## WISCONSIN (7-6)

Madison, WI  
S. 4 UCF  
S. 11 UNLV  
S. 18 at Arizona  
S. 25 Penn State  
O. 2 Illinois  
O. 9 at Ohio State  
O. 16 at Purdue  
O. 23 Northwestern  
N. 6 Minnesota  
N. 13 at Michigan State  
N. 20 at Iowa

## BIG 12

### BAYLOR (3-9)

Waco, TX  
S. 4 at UAB  
S. 11 Tulsa  
S. 18 SMU  
O. 2 Iowa State  
O. 9 at Colorado  
O. 16 at Texas  
O. 9 Missouri  
O. 16 at Nebraska  
O. 23 Iowa State  
O. 30 Texas A&M  
N. 6 at Texas Tech  
N. 13 at Oklahoma State  
N. 20 Oklahoma

### COLORADO (5-7)

Boulder, CO  
S. 4 Colorado State  
S. 11 #Washington State  
S. 18 North Texas  
O. 2 at Missouri  
O. 9 Oklahoma State  
O. 16 Iowa State  
O. 23 at Texas A&M  
O. 30 Texas  
N. 6 at Kansas  
N. 13 Kansas State  
N. 26 at Nebraska  
#Seattle, WA

### IOWA STATE (2-10)

Ames, IA  
S. 4 Northern Iowa  
S. 11 at Iowa  
S. 18 Northern Illinois  
O. 2 at Oklahoma State  
O. 9 Texas A&M  
O. 16 at Colorado  
O. 23 at Baylor  
O. 30 Kansas  
N. 6 Nebraska  
N. 20 at Kansas State  
N. 27 Missouri

## KANSAS (6-7)

Lawrence, KS  
S. 4 Tulsa  
S. 11 Toledo  
S. 18 at Northwestern  
S. 25 Texas Tech  
O. 2 at Nebraska  
O. 9 Kansas State  
O. 23 at Oklahoma  
O. 30 at Iowa State  
N. 6 Colorado  
N. 13 Texas  
N. 20 at Missouri

## KANSAS STATE (11-4)

Manhattan, KS  
S. 4 Western Kentucky  
S. 11 Fresno State  
S. 18 UL Lafayette  
O. 2 at Texas A&M  
O. 9 at Kansas  
O. 16 Oklahoma  
O. 23 Nebraska  
O. 30 Texas Tech  
N. 6 at Missouri  
N. 13 at Colorado  
N. 20 Iowa State

## MISSOURI (8-5)

Columbia, MO  
S. 4 Arkansas State  
S. 11 at Troy State  
S. 18 Ball State  
O. 2 Colorado  
O. 9 at Baylor  
O. 16 at Texas  
O. 23 Oklahoma State  
O. 30 at Nebraska  
N. 6 Kansas State  
N. 20 Kansas  
N. 27 at Iowa State

## NEBRASKA (10-3)

Lincoln, NE  
S. 4 Western Illinois  
S. 11 Southern Miss  
S. 18 at Pittsburgh  
O. 2 Kansas  
O. 9 at Texas Tech  
O. 16 Baylor  
O. 23 at Kansas State  
O. 30 Missouri  
N. 6 at Iowa State  
N. 13 at Oklahoma  
N. 26 Colorado

## OKLAHOMA (12-2)

Norman, OK  
S. 4 Bowling Green  
S. 11 Houston  
S. 18 Oregon  
O. 2 Texas Tech  
O. 9 #Texas  
O. 16 at Kansas State  
O. 23 Kansas  
O. 30 at Oklahoma State  
N. 6 at Texas A&M  
N. 13 Nebraska  
N. 20 at Baylor  
#Dallas, TX

## OKLAHOMA STATE (9-4)

Stillwater, OK  
S. 4 at UCLA  
S. 11 Tulsa  
S. 18 SMU  
O. 2 Iowa State  
O. 9 at Colorado  
O. 16 at Texas  
O. 23 at Missouri  
O. 30 Oklahoma  
N. 6 at Texas  
N. 13 Baylor  
N. 20 at Texas Tech

## TEXAS (10-3)

Austin, TX  
S. 4 North Texas  
S. 11 at Arkansas  
S. 25 Rice  
O. 2 Baylor  
O. 9 #Oklahoma  
O. 16 Missouri  
O. 23 at Texas Tech  
O. 30 at Colorado  
N. 6 Oklahoma State  
N. 13 at Kansas  
N. 26 Texas A&M  
#Dallas, TX

## TEXAS A&M (4-8)

College Station, TX  
S. 2 at Utah  
S. 11 Wyoming  
S. 18 Clemson  
O. 2 Kansas State  
O. 9 at Iowa State  
O. 16 at Oklahoma State  
O. 23 Colorado  
O. 30 at Baylor  
N. 6 Oklahoma  
N. 13 Texas Tech  
N. 26 at Texas

## TEXAS TECH (8-5)

Lubbock, TX  
S. 4 at SMU  
S. 11 at New Mexico  
S. 18 TCU  
S. 25 at Kansas  
O. 2 at Oklahoma  
O. 9 Nebraska  
O. 23 Texas  
O. 30 at Kansas State  
N. 6 Baylor  
N. 13 at Texas A&M  
N. 27 Oklahoma State

## C-USA

### ARMY (0-13)

West Point, NY  
S. 11 Louisville  
S. 18 at Houston  
S. 25 at Connecticut  
O. 2 TCU  
O. 9 Cincinnati  
O. 16 at South Florida  
O. 30 at East Carolina  
N. 6 Air Force  
N. 13 at Tulane  
N. 20 UAB  
D. 4 #Navy

### #Philadelphia, PA

### CINCINNATI (5-7)

Cincinnati, OH  
S. 4 at Ohio State  
S. 11 Miami (OH)  
S. 18 at Syracuse  
S. 25 at East Carolina  
O. 2 UAB  
O. 9 Army  
O. 23 Memphis  
O. 30 TCU  
N. 6 at Southern Miss  
N. 20 South Florida  
N. 27 at Louisville

### EAST CAROLINA (1-11)

Greenville, NC  
S. 4 at West Virginia  
S. 11 Wake Forest  
S. 25 Cincinnati  
O. 2 at Louisville  
O. 9 Tulane  
O. 23 at Southern Miss  
O. 30 Army  
N. 6 at Houston  
N. 13 at South Florida  
N. 20 Memphis  
N. 27 #NC State  
#Charlotte, NC

### HOUSTON (7-6)

Houston, TX  
S. 4 at Rice  
S. 11 at Oklahoma  
S. 18 Army  
S. 23 #Miami  
O. 2 at Memphis  
O. 7 at Southern Miss  
O. 23 at TCU  
O. 30 Tulane  
N. 6 East Carolina  
N. 13 at UAB  
N. 20 Louisville  
#Reliant Stadium (Houston, TX)

### LOUISVILLE (9-4)

Louisville, KY  
S. 5 Kentucky  
S. 11 at Army  
S. 18 at Tulane  
S. 25 at North Carolina  
O. 2 East Carolina  
O. 14 at Miami  
O. 22 South Florida  
N. 2 at Memphis  
N. 9 TCU  
N. 27 Cincinnati

### MEMPHIS (9-4)

Memphis, TN  
S. 4 at Ole Miss  
S. 11 Chattanooga  
S. 18 at Arkansas State  
S. 25 at UAB  
O. 2 Houston  
O. 16 Tulane  
O. 23 at Cincinnati  
N. 2 Louisville  
N. 13 Southern Miss  
N. 20 at East Carolina  
N. 27 at South Florida

### SOUTHERN MISS (9-4)

Hattiesburg, MS  
S. 11 at Nebraska  
S. 18 California  
S. 25 at Tulane  
O. 2 at South Florida  
O. 7 Houston  
O. 16 at Alabama  
O. 23 East Carolina  
N. 6 Cincinnati  
N. 13 at Memphis  
N. 20 at TCU  
N. 27 UAB



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## SOUTH FLORIDA (7-4)

Tampa, FL  
S. 4 Pittsburgh  
S. 11 Tennessee Tech  
S. 18 at South Carolina  
S. 25 at TCU  
O. 2 Southern Miss  
O. 16 Army  
O. 22 at Louisville  
N. 6 at UAB  
N. 13 East Carolina  
N. 20 at Cincinnati  
N. 27 Memphis

## TCU (11-2)

Fort Worth, TX  
S. 2 Northwestern  
S. 11 SMU  
S. 18 at Texas Tech  
S. 25 South Florida  
O. 2 at Army  
O. 16 at UAB  
O. 23 Houston  
O. 30 at Cincinnati  
N. 9 at Louisville  
N. 20 Southern Miss  
N. 27 Tulane

## TULANE (5-7)

New Orleans, LA  
S. 4 at Mississippi State  
S. 11 Florida A&M  
S. 18 Louisville  
S. 25 Southern Miss  
O. 9 at East Carolina  
O. 16 at Memphis  
O. 23 UAB  
O. 30 at Houston  
N. 6 Navy  
N. 13 Army  
N. 27 at TCU

## UAB (5-7)

Birmingham, AL  
S. 4 Baylor  
S. 18 at Florida State  
S. 25 Memphis  
O. 2 at Cincinnati  
O. 9 at Mississippi State  
O. 16 TCU  
O. 23 at Tulane  
N. 6 South Florida  
N. 13 Houston  
N. 20 at Army  
N. 27 at Southern Miss

## MAC

## AKRON (7-5)

Akron, OH  
S. 4 at Penn State  
S. 11 Middle Tennessee  
S. 18 at Virginia  
S. 23 at Kent State  
O. 2 at Northern Illinois  
O. 9 Buffalo  
O. 16 at UCF  
O. 23 Ball State  
N. 5 Marshall  
N. 13 at Ohio  
N. 20 Miami (OH)

## BALL STATE (4-8)

Muncie, IN  
S. 2 Boston College  
S. 11 at Purdue  
S. 18 at Missouri  
S. 25 Western Michigan  
O. 2 at Toledo  
O. 9 Eastern Michigan  
O. 16 at Bowling Green  
O. 23 at Akron  
O. 30 Northern Illinois  
N. 13 UCF  
N. 20 at Central Michigan

## BOWLING GREEN (11-3)

Bowling Green, OH  
S. 4 at Oklahoma  
S. 11 SE Missouri State  
S. 24 at Northern Illinois  
O. 2 at Temple  
O. 9 at Central Michigan  
O. 16 Ball State  
O. 23 at Ohio  
O. 30 Eastern Michigan  
N. 6 Western Michigan  
N. 13 Marshall  
N. 23 at Toledo

## BUFFALO (1-11)

Buffalo, NY  
S. 2 at Eastern Michigan  
S. 11 Syracuse  
S. 18 at Nevada  
S. 25 at Ohio  
O. 2 UCF  
O. 9 at Akron  
O. 16 Miami (OH)  
O. 23 at Marshall  
N. 6 Kent State  
N. 13 Central Michigan  
N. 20 at Connecticut

## CENTRAL MICHIGAN (3-9)

Mt. Pleasant, MI  
S. 4 at Indiana  
S. 11 at Michigan State  
S. 18 SE Missouri State  
O. 2 Kent State  
O. 9 Bowling Green  
O. 16 at Northern Illinois  
O. 23 at Toledo  
O. 30 Western Michigan  
N. 6 #Eastern Michigan  
N. 13 at Buffalo  
N. 20 Ball State  
#Detroit, MI

## EASTERN MICHIGAN (3-9)

Ypsilanti, MI  
S. 2 Buffalo  
S. 11 at Florida  
S. 18 Toledo  
S. 25 Eastern Illinois  
O. 2 Idaho  
O. 9 at Ball State  
O. 16 at Western Michigan  
O. 30 at Bowling Green  
N. 6 #Central Michigan  
N. 13 at Kent State  
N. 20 Northern Illinois  
#Detroit, MI

## KENT STATE (5-7)

Kent, OH  
S. 4 at Iowa  
S. 11 Liberty  
S. 18 at Rutgers  
S. 23 Akron  
O. 2 at Central Michigan  
O. 9 at Miami (OH)  
O. 16 Marshall  
O. 30 Ohio  
N. 6 at Buffalo  
N. 13 Eastern Michigan  
N. 23 at UCF

## MARSHALL (8-4)

Huntington, WV  
S. 4 Troy State  
S. 11 at Ohio State  
S. 18 at Georgia  
S. 23 Miami (OH)  
O. 9 at Ohio  
O. 16 at Kent State  
O. 23 Buffalo  
O. 30 UCF  
N. 5 at Akron  
N. 13 at Bowling Green  
N. 20 Western Michigan

## MIAMI (OH) (13-1)

Oxford, OH  
A. 28 Indiana State  
S. 4 at Michigan  
S. 11 at Cincinnati  
S. 18 Ohio  
S. 29 at Marshall  
O. 9 Kent State  
O. 16 at Buffalo  
O. 23 UCF  
N. 3 Toledo  
N. 13 at Western Michigan  
N. 20 at Akron

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS (10-2)

Dekalb, IL  
S. 4 at Maryland  
S. 11 Southern Illinois  
S. 18 at Iowa State  
S. 24 Bowling Green  
O. 2 Akron  
O. 9 at UCF  
O. 16 Central Michigan  
O. 23 at Western Michigan  
O. 30 at Ball State  
N. 10 Toledo  
N. 20 at Eastern Michigan

## OHIO (2-10)

Athens, OH  
S. 4 VMI  
S. 11 at Pittsburgh  
S. 18 at Miami (OH)  
S. 25 Buffalo  
O. 2 at Kentucky  
O. 9 Marshall  
O. 16 at Toledo  
O. 23 Bowling Green  
O. 30 at Kent State  
N. 6 at UCF  
N. 13 Akron

## TOLEDO (8-4)

Toledo, OH  
S. 5 at Minnesota  
S. 11 at Kansas  
S. 18 at Eastern Michigan  
S. 25 Temple  
O. 2 Ball State  
O. 9 at Western Michigan  
O. 16 Ohio  
O. 23 Central Michigan  
N. 3 at Miami (OH)  
N. 10 at Northern Illinois  
N. 23 Bowling Green

## UCF (3-9)

Orlando, FL  
S. 4 at Wisconsin  
S. 11 West Virginia  
S. 18 at Penn State  
O. 2 at Buffalo  
O. 9 Northern Illinois  
O. 16 Akron  
O. 23 at Miami (OH)  
O. 30 at Marshall  
N. 6 Ohio  
N. 13 at Ball State  
N. 23 Kent State

## WESTERN MICHIGAN (5-7)

Kalamazoo, MI  
S. 2 Tennessee-Martin  
S. 11 at Virginia Tech  
S. 18 at Illinois  
S. 25 at Ball State  
O. 9 Toledo  
O. 16 Eastern Michigan  
O. 23 Northern Illinois  
O. 30 at Central Michigan  
N. 6 at Bowling Green  
N. 13 Miami (OH)  
N. 20 at Marshall

## MWC

## AIR FORCE (7-5)

Colorado Springs, CO  
S. 4 California  
S. 11 Eastern Washington  
S. 18 at UNLV  
S. 25 at Utah  
O. 9 Navy  
O. 9 New Mexico  
O. 23 BYU  
O. 30 Wyoming  
N. 6 at Army  
N. 13 San Diego State  
N. 20 Colorado State

## BYU (4-8)

Provo, UT  
S. 4 USC  
S. 18 at Stanford  
S. 25 at Boise State  
O. 2 at Colorado State  
O. 8 UNLV  
O. 16 Wyoming  
O. 23 at Air Force  
O. 30 Notre Dame  
N. 6 San Diego State  
N. 13 New Mexico  
N. 20 at Utah

## COLORADO STATE (7-6)

Fort Collins, CO  
S. 4 at Colorado  
S. 11 at USC  
S. 18 Minnesota  
S. 25 Montana State  
O. 2 BYU  
O. 16 at San Diego State  
O. 22 Wyoming  
O. 30 New Mexico  
N. 6 at Utah  
N. 13 UNLV  
N. 20 at Air Force

## NEW MEXICO (8-5)

Albuquerque, NM  
S. 3 Washington State  
S. 11 Texas Tech  
S. 18 at Oregon State  
S. 25 at New Mexico State  
O. 2 Utah  
O. 9 at Air Force  
O. 16 at UNLV  
O. 23 San Diego State  
O. 30 at Colorado State  
N. 13 at BYU  
N. 20 Wyoming

## SAN DIEGO STATE (6-6)

San Diego, CA  
S. 4 San Jose State  
S. 11 Nevada  
S. 18 at Michigan  
O. 2 at UCLA  
O. 9 at Wyoming  
O. 16 Colorado State  
O. 23 at New Mexico  
O. 30 Utah  
N. 6 at BYU  
N. 13 at Air Force  
N. 20 UNLV

## UNLV (6-6)

Las Vegas, NV  
S. 4 at Tennessee  
S. 11 San Jose State  
S. 18 Air Force  
S. 25 Utah State  
O. 2 Nevada  
O. 9 at BYU  
O. 16 New Mexico  
O. 23 at Utah  
N. 6 Wyoming  
N. 13 at Colorado State  
N. 20 at San Diego State

## UTAH (10-2)

Salt Lake City, UT  
S. 2 Texas A&M  
S. 11 at Arizona  
S. 18 at Utah State  
S. 25 Air Force  
O. 2 at New Mexico  
O. 16 North Carolina  
O. 23 UNLV  
O. 30 at San Diego State  
N. 6 Colorado State  
N. 13 at Wyoming  
N. 20 BYU

## WYOMING (4-8)

Laramie, WY  
S. 4 Appalachian State  
S. 11 at Texas A&M  
S. 25 Ole Miss  
O. 2 UL Monroe  
O. 9 San Diego State  
O. 16 at BYU  
O. 22 at Colorado State  
O. 30 Air Force  
O. 30 at UNLV  
N. 13 Utah  
N. 20 at New Mexico

## PAC-10

## ARIZONA (2-10)

Tucson, AZ  
S. 4 Northern Arizona  
S. 11 Utah  
S. 18 Wisconsin  
O. 2 Washington State  
O. 9 at UCLA  
O. 16 at Oregon  
O. 23 California  
O. 30 Oregon State  
N. 6 at Washington  
N. 13 at USC  
N. 26 Arizona State

## ARIZONA STATE (5-7)

Tempe, AZ  
S. 2 UTEP  
S. 11 at Northwestern  
S. 18 Iowa  
S. 25 Oregon State  
O. 2 at Oregon  
O. 16 at USC  
O. 23 UCLA  
O. 30 at California  
N. 6 Stanford  
N. 13 Washington State  
N. 26 at Arizona

## CALIFORNIA (8-6)

Berkeley, CA  
S. 4 at Air Force  
S. 11 New Mexico State  
S. 18 at Southern Miss  
O. 2 at Oregon State  
O. 9 at USC  
O. 16 UCLA  
O. 23 at Arizona  
O. 30 Arizona State  
N. 6 Oregon  
N. 13 at Washington  
N. 20 Stanford

## OREGON (8-5)

Eugene, OR  
S. 11 Indiana  
S. 18 at Oklahoma  
S. 25 Idaho  
O. 2 Arizona State  
O. 9 at Washington State  
O. 16 Arizona  
O. 23 at Stanford  
O. 30 Washington  
N. 6 at California  
N. 13 UCLA  
N. 20 at Oregon State

## OREGON STATE (8-5)

Corvallis, OR  
S. 4 at LSU  
S. 11 at Boise State  
S. 18 New Mexico  
S. 25 at Arizona State  
O. 2 California  
O. 16 at Washington  
O. 23 Washington State  
O. 30 at Arizona  
N. 6 USC  
N. 13 at Stanford  
N. 20 Oregon

## STANFORD (4-7)

Stanford, CA  
S. 11 San Jose State  
S. 18 BYU  
S. 25 USC  
O. 2 Washington  
O. 9 at Notre Dame  
O. 16 at Washington State  
O. 23 Oregon  
O. 30 at UCLA  
N. 6 at Arizona State  
N. 13 Oregon State  
N. 20 at California

## UCLA (6-7)

Los Angeles, CA  
S. 4 Oklahoma State  
S. 11 at Illinois  
S. 18 at Washington  
O. 2 San Diego State  
O. 9 Arizona  
O. 16 at California  
O. 23 at Arizona State  
O. 30 Stanford  
N. 6 Washington State  
N. 13 at Oregon  
D. 4 USC

## USC (12-1)

Los Angeles, CA  
A. 28 #Virginia Tech  
S. 4 at BYU  
S. 11 Colorado State  
S. 25 at Stanford  
O. 9 California  
O. 16 Arizona State  
O. 23 Washington  
O. 30 at Washington State  
N. 6 at Oregon State  
N. 13 Arizona  
N. 27 Notre Dame  
D. 4 at UCLA  
#Lander, MD

## WASHINGTON (6-6)

Seattle, WA  
S. 5 Fresno State  
S. 18 UCLA  
S. 25 at Notre Dame  
O. 2 at Stanford  
O. 9 San Jose State  
O. 16 Oregon State  
O. 23 at USC  
O. 30 at Oregon  
N. 6 Arizona  
N. 13 California  
N. 20 at Washington State

## WASHINGTON STATE (10-3)

Pullman, WA  
S. 3 at New Mexico  
S. 11 #Colorado  
S. 18 Idaho  
O. 2 at Arizona  
O. 9 Oregon  
O. 16 Stanford  
O. 23 at Oregon State  
O. 30 USC  
N. 6 at UCLA  
N. 13 at Arizona State  
N. 20 Washington  
#Seattle, WA

## SEC

## ALABAMA (4-9)

Tuscaloosa, AL  
S. 4 Utah State  
S. 11 Ole Miss  
S. 18 Western Carolina  
S. 25 at Arkansas  
O. 2 South Carolina  
O. 9 at Kentucky  
O. 16 Southern Miss  
O. 23 at Tennessee  
N. 6 Mississippi State  
N. 13 at LSU  
N. 20 Auburn

## ARKANSAS (9-4)

Fayetteville, AR  
S. 4 New Mexico State  
S. 11 Texas  
S. 18 #UL Monroe  
S. 25 Alabama  
O. 2 at Florida  
O. 16 at Auburn  
O. 23 Georgia  
N. 6 at South Carolina  
N. 13 Ole Miss  
N. 20 at Mississippi State  
N. 27 #LSU  
#Little Rock, AR

## AUBURN (8-5)

Auburn, AL  
S. 4 UL Monroe  
S. 11 at Mississippi State  
S. 18 LSU  
S. 25 The Citadel  
O. 2 at Tennessee  
O. 9 Louisiana Tech  
O. 16 Arkansas  
O. 23 Kentucky  
O. 30 at Ole Miss  
N. 13 Georgia  
N. 20 at Alabama

## FLORIDA (8-5)

Gainesville, FL  
S. 4 Middle Tennessee  
S. 11 Eastern Michigan  
S. 18 at Tennessee  
S. 25 Kentucky  
O. 2 Arkansas  
O. 9 LSU  
O. 23 at Mississippi State  
O. 30 #Georgia  
N. 6 at Vanderbilt  
N. 13 South Carolina  
N. 20 at Florida State  
#Jacksonville, FL

## GEORGIA (11-3)

Athens, GA  
S. 4 Georgia Southern  
S. 11 at South Carolina  
S. 18 Marshall  
O. 2 LSU  
O. 9 Tennessee  
O. 16 Vanderbilt  
O. 23 at Arkansas  
O. 30 #Florida  
N. 6 at Kentucky  
N. 13 at Auburn  
N. 27 Georgia Tech  
#Jacksonville, FL

## KENTUCKY (4-8)

Lexington, KY  
S. 4 at Louisville  
S. 18 Indiana  
S. 25 at Florida  
O. 2 Ohio  
O. 9 Alabama  
O. 16 South Carolina  
O. 23 at Auburn  
O. 30 at Mississippi State  
N. 6 Georgia  
N. 13 Vanderbilt  
N. 27 at Tennessee

## LSU (13-1)

Baton Rouge, LA  
S. 4 Oregon State  
S. 11 Houston  
S. 18 at Auburn  
S. 25 Mississippi State  
O. 2 at Georgia  
O. 9 at Florida  
O. 23 Troy State  
O. 30 Vanderbilt  
N. 13 Alabama  
N. 20 Ole Miss  
N. 27 #Arkansas  
#Little Rock, AR

## MISSISSIPPI STATE (2-10)

Starkville, MS  
S. 4 Tulane  
S. 11 Auburn  
S. 18 Maine  
S. 25 at LSU  
O. 2 at Vanderbilt  
O. 9 UAB  
O. 23 Florida  
O. 30 Kentucky  
N. 6 at Alabama  
N. 20 Arkansas  
N. 25 at Ole Miss

## OLE MISS (10-3)

Oxford, MS  
S. 4 Memphis  
S. 11 at Alabama  
S. 18 Vanderbilt  
S. 25 at Wyoming  
O. 2 Arkansas State  
O. 9 at South Carolina  
O. 16 Tennessee  
O. 30 Auburn  
N. 13 at Arkansas  
N. 20 at LSU  
N. 25 Mississippi State

## SOUTH CAROLINA (5-7)

Columbia, SC  
S. 4 at Vanderbilt  
S. 11 Georgia  
S. 18 South Florida  
S. 25 Troy State  
O. 2 at Alabama  
O. 9 Ole Miss  
O. 16 at Kentucky  
O. 30 Tennessee  
N. 6 Arkansas  
N. 13 at Florida  
N. 20 at Clemson

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**TENNESSEE (10-3)**

Knoxville, TN  
 S. 4 UNLV  
 S. 18 Florida  
 S. 25 Louisiana Tech  
 O. 2 Auburn  
 O. 9 at Georgia  
 O. 16 at Ole Miss  
 O. 23 Alabama  
 O. 30 at South Carolina  
 N. 6 Notre Dame  
 N. 20 at Vanderbilt  
 N. 27 Kentucky

**VANDERBILT (2-10)**

Nashville, TN  
 S. 4 South Carolina  
 S. 18 at Ole Miss  
 S. 25 at Navy  
 O. 2 Mississippi State  
 O. 9 Rutgers  
 O. 16 at Georgia  
 O. 23 Eastern Kentucky  
 O. 30 at LSU  
 N. 6 Florida  
 N. 13 at Kentucky  
 N. 20 Tennessee

**SUNBELT****ARKANSAS STATE (5-7)**

Jonesboro, AR  
 S. 4 at Missouri  
 S. 11 at LSU  
 S. 18 Memphis  
 S. 25 at UL Monroe  
 O. 2 at Ole Miss  
 O. 9 at Middle Tennessee  
 O. 16 Troy State  
 O. 23 at UL Lafayette  
 N. 6 at Idaho  
 N. 11 Utah State  
 N. 18 North Texas

**IDAHO (3-9)**

Moscow, ID  
 S. 4 at Boise State  
 S. 11 at Utah State  
 S. 18 Washington State  
 S. 25 at Oregon  
 O. 2 at Eastern Michigan  
 O. 9 UL Monroe  
 O. 16 UL Lafayette  
 O. 23 at Middle Tennessee  
 O. 30 at Troy State  
 N. 6 Arkansas State  
 N. 13 at North Texas  
 N. 20 at Hawaii

**UL LAFAYETTE (4-8)**

Lafayette, LA  
 S. 4 Northwestern State  
 S. 11 at Louisiana Tech  
 S. 18 at Kansas State  
 S. 25 Middle Tennessee  
 O. 2 at Florida International  
 O. 9 at New Mexico State  
 O. 16 at Idaho  
 O. 23 Arkansas State  
 N. 6 North Texas  
 N. 13 Troy State  
 N. 20 at UL Monroe

**UL MONROE (1-11)**

Monroe, LA  
 S. 4 at Auburn  
 S. 18 Arkansas  
 S. 25 Arkansas State  
 O. 2 at Wyoming  
 O. 9 at Idaho  
 O. 16 Florida International  
 O. 23 at Florida Atlantic  
 O. 30 at North Texas  
 N. 6 Utah State  
 N. 13 at Middle Tennessee  
 N. 20 UL Lafayette

**MIDDLE TENNESSEE (4-8)**

Murfreesboro, TN  
 S. 4 at Florida  
 S. 11 at Akron  
 S. 18 Florida Atlantic  
 S. 25 at UL Lafayette  
 O. 2 at North Texas  
 O. 9 Arkansas State  
 O. 23 Idaho  
 O. 30 Utah State  
 N. 6 at New Mexico State  
 N. 13 UL Monroe  
 N. 20 at Troy State

**NEW MEXICO STATE (3-9)**

Las Cruces, NM  
 S. 4 at Arkansas  
 S. 11 at California  
 S. 18 Troy State  
 S. 25 New Mexico  
 O. 2 at UTEP  
 O. 9 UL Lafayette  
 O. 23 at North Texas  
 O. 30 Florida International  
 N. 6 Middle Tennessee  
 N. 13 at Florida Atlantic  
 N. 20 at Utah State

**NORTH TEXAS (9-4)**

Denton, TX  
 S. 4 at Texas  
 S. 11 Florida Atlantic  
 S. 18 at Colorado  
 S. 25 at Baylor  
 O. 2 Middle Tennessee  
 O. 9 at Utah State  
 O. 23 New Mexico State  
 O. 30 UL Monroe  
 N. 6 at UL Lafayette  
 N. 13 Idaho  
 N. 18 at Arkansas State

**TROY STATE (6-6)**

Troy, AL  
 S. 4 at Marshall  
 S. 11 Missouri  
 S. 18 at New Mexico State  
 S. 25 at South Carolina  
 O. 2 Utah State  
 O. 16 at Arkansas State  
 O. 23 at LSU  
 O. 30 Idaho  
 N. 6 Florida Atlantic  
 N. 13 at UL Lafayette  
 N. 20 Middle Tennessee

**UTAH STATE (3-9)**

Logan, UT  
 S. 4 at Alabama  
 S. 11 Idaho  
 S. 18 Utah  
 S. 25 at UNLV  
 O. 2 at Troy State  
 O. 9 North Texas  
 O. 16 at Clemson  
 O. 30 at Middle Tennessee  
 N. 6 at UL Monroe  
 N. 11 at Arkansas State  
 N. 20 New Mexico State

**WAC****BOISE STATE (13-1)**

Boise, ID  
 S. 4 Idaho  
 S. 11 Oregon State  
 S. 18 at UTEP  
 S. 25 BYU  
 O. 2 SMU  
 O. 16 at Tulsa  
 O. 23 Fresno State  
 O. 30 Hawaii  
 N. 13 at San Jose State  
 N. 20 Louisiana Tech  
 N. 27 at Nevada

**FRESNO STATE (9-5)**

Fresno, CA  
 S. 5 at Washington  
 S. 11 at Kansas State  
 S. 18 Portland State  
 O. 2 at Louisiana Tech  
 O. 9 UTEP  
 O. 23 at Boise State  
 O. 30 SMU  
 N. 6 at Rice  
 N. 13 Hawaii  
 N. 20 Nevada  
 N. 27 at San Jose State

**HAWAII (9-5)**

Honolulu, HI  
 S. 4 Florida Atlantic  
 S. 18 at Rice  
 O. 2 Tulsa  
 O. 9 Nevada  
 O. 16 at UTEP  
 O. 23 San Jose State  
 O. 30 at Boise State  
 O. 30 Louisiana Tech  
 N. 13 at Fresno State  
 N. 20 Idaho  
 N. 27 Northwestern

**LOUISIANA TECH (5-7)**

Ruston, LA  
 S. 11 UL Lafayette  
 S. 18 at Miami  
 S. 25 at Tennessee  
 O. 2 Fresno State  
 O. 9 at Auburn  
 O. 16 at SMU  
 O. 23 UTEP  
 O. 30 Nevada  
 N. 6 at Hawaii  
 N. 13 Tulsa  
 N. 20 at Boise State  
 N. 27 at Rice

**NEVADA (6-6)**

Reno, NV  
 S. 4 Sacramento State  
 S. 11 at San Diego State  
 S. 18 Buffalo  
 O. 2 at UNLV  
 O. 9 at Hawaii  
 O. 16 Rice  
 O. 23 Tulsa  
 O. 30 at Louisiana Tech  
 N. 6 San Jose State  
 N. 13 at SMU  
 N. 20 at Fresno State  
 N. 27 Boise State

**RICE (5-7)**

Houston, TX  
 S. 4 Houston  
 S. 18 Hawaii  
 S. 25 at Texas  
 O. 2 at San Jose State  
 O. 9 SMU  
 O. 16 at Nevada  
 O. 23 at Navy  
 O. 30 at Tulsa  
 N. 6 Fresno State  
 N. 13 at UTEP  
 N. 27 Louisiana Tech

**SAN JOSE STATE (3-8)**

San Jose, CA  
 S. 4 at San Diego State  
 S. 11 at Stanford  
 S. 18 Morgan State  
 S. 25 at SMU  
 O. 2 Rice  
 O. 9 at Washington  
 O. 23 at Hawaii  
 O. 30 Boise State  
 N. 6 at Nevada  
 N. 13 Boise State  
 N. 20 at Tulsa  
 N. 27 Fresno State

**SMU (0-12)**

Dallas, TX  
 S. 4 Texas Tech  
 S. 11 at TCU  
 S. 18 at Oklahoma State  
 S. 25 San Jose State  
 O. 2 at Boise State  
 O. 9 at Rice  
 O. 16 Louisiana Tech  
 O. 30 at Fresno State  
 N. 6 Tulsa  
 N. 13 Nevada  
 N. 20 at UTEP

**TULSA (8-5)**

Tulsa, OK  
 S. 4 at Kansas  
 S. 11 at Oklahoma State  
 S. 18 Navy  
 S. 25 SW Missouri State  
 O. 2 at Hawaii  
 O. 16 Boise State  
 O. 23 at Nevada  
 O. 30 Rice  
 N. 6 at SMU  
 N. 13 at Louisiana Tech  
 N. 20 San Jose State  
 N. 27 UTEP

**UTEP (2-11)**

El Paso, TX  
 S. 2 at Arizona State  
 S. 11 Weber State  
 S. 18 Boise State  
 O. 2 New Mexico State  
 O. 9 at Fresno State  
 O. 16 Hawaii  
 O. 23 at Louisiana Tech  
 O. 30 at San Jose State  
 N. 13 Rice  
 N. 20 SMU  
 N. 27 at Tulsa

**I-A Independents****NAVY (8-5)**

Annapolis, MD  
 S. 4 Duke  
 S. 11 Northeastern  
 S. 18 at Tulsa  
 S. 25 Vanderbilt  
 S. 30 at Air Force  
 O. 16 Notre Dame  
 O. 23 Rice  
 O. 30 Delaware  
 N. 6 at Tulane  
 N. 20 Rutgers  
 D. 4 Army  
 #East Rutherford, NJ  
 #Philadelphia, PA

**NOTRE DAME (5-7)**

South Bend, IN  
 S. 11 Michigan  
 S. 18 at Michigan State  
 S. 25 Washington  
 O. 2 Purdue  
 O. 9 Stanford  
 O. 16 Navy  
 O. 23 Boston College  
 O. 30 at BYU  
 N. 6 at Tennessee  
 N. 13 Pittsburgh  
 N. 27 at USC  
 #East Rutherford, NJ

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**ATLANTIC 10****DELAWARE (15-1)**

Newark, DE  
 S. 2 New Hampshire  
 S. 11 Towson  
 S. 18 West Chester  
 S. 25 at Massachusetts  
 O. 2 Maine  
 O. 16 at Hofstra  
 O. 23 William & Mary  
 O. 30 at Navy  
 N. 6 at James Madison  
 N. 13 at Richmond  
 N. 20 Villanova

**HOFSTRA (2-10)**

Hempstead, NY  
 S. 2 Albany  
 S. 11 at Montana  
 S. 25 Rhode Island  
 O. 2 at James Madison  
 O. 16 Delaware  
 O. 23 at New Hampshire  
 O. 30 Richmond  
 N. 6 at Maine  
 N. 13 Northeastern  
 N. 20 at Massachusetts

**JAMES MADISON (6-6)**

Harrisonburg, VA  
 S. 4 Lock Haven  
 S. 18 at Villanova  
 S. 25 at West Virginia  
 O. 2 Hofstra  
 O. 9 Massachusetts  
 O. 16 at Maine  
 O. 23 at Richmond  
 O. 30 VMI  
 N. 6 Delaware  
 N. 13 William & Mary  
 N. 20 at Towson

**MAINE (6-5)**

Orono, ME  
 S. 4 at Montana  
 S. 11 Northern Colorado  
 S. 18 at Mississippi State  
 O. 2 at Delaware  
 O. 9 at Richmond  
 O. 16 James Madison  
 O. 23 Northeastern  
 O. 30 at Massachusetts  
 N. 6 Hofstra  
 N. 13 at Rhode Island  
 N. 20 New Hampshire

**MASSACHUSETTS (10-3)**

Amherst, MA  
 S. 4 at Delaware State  
 S. 11 Colgate  
 S. 18 Richmond  
 S. 25 Delaware  
 O. 2 at Boston College  
 O. 9 at James Madison  
 O. 16 at New Hampshire  
 O. 23 at Rhode Island  
 O. 30 Maine  
 N. 6 at Northeastern  
 N. 20 Hofstra

**NEW HAMPSHIRE (5-7)**

Durham, NH  
 S. 2 at Delaware  
 S. 11 at Rutgers  
 S. 18 William & Mary  
 S. 25 at Dartmouth  
 O. 2 at Villanova  
 O. 9 Massachusetts  
 O. 23 Hofstra  
 O. 30 at Northeastern  
 N. 6 at Rhode Island  
 N. 13 Towson  
 N. 20 at Maine

**NORTHEASTERN (8-4)**

Boston, MA  
 S. 4 Cheyney  
 S. 11 at Navy  
 S. 25 at Towson  
 O. 2 at William & Mary  
 O. 9 Villanova  
 O. 16 at Harvard  
 O. 23 at Maine  
 O. 30 New Hampshire  
 N. 6 Massachusetts  
 N. 13 at Hofstra  
 N. 20 Rhode Island

**RHODE ISLAND (4-8)**

Kingston, RI  
 S. 4 at Fordham  
 S. 11 Central Conn. State  
 S. 25 at Hofstra  
 O. 2 Brown  
 O. 9 at Towson  
 O. 16 at William & Mary  
 O. 23 Massachusetts  
 O. 30 Villanova  
 N. 6 New Hampshire  
 N. 13 Maine  
 N. 20 at Northeastern

**RICHMOND (2-9)**

Richmond, VA  
 S. 4 at NC State  
 S. 11 at VMI  
 S. 18 at Massachusetts  
 S. 25 Lafayette  
 O. 9 Maine  
 O. 16 at Villanova  
 O. 23 James Madison  
 O. 30 at Hofstra  
 N. 6 Towson  
 N. 13 Delaware  
 N. 20 at William & Mary

**TOWSON (6-6)**

Towson, MD  
 S. 4 at Elon  
 S. 11 at Delaware  
 S. 25 Northeastern  
 O. 2 Cornell  
 O. 9 Rhode Island  
 O. 16 Bowie State  
 O. 23 at Villanova  
 O. 30 William & Mary  
 N. 6 at Richmond  
 N. 13 at New Hampshire  
 N. 20 James Madison

**VILLANOVA (7-4)**

Philadelphia, PA  
 S. 2 Bucknell  
 S. 11 at Lehigh  
 S. 18 James Madison  
 S. 25 at Penn  
 O. 2 New Hampshire  
 O. 9 at Northeastern  
 O. 16 Richmond  
 O. 23 Towson  
 O. 30 at Rhode Island  
 N. 6 at William & Mary  
 N. 20 at Delaware

**WILLIAM & MARY (5-5)**

Williamsburg, VA  
 S. 4 at North Carolina  
 S. 18 at New Hampshire  
 S. 25 VMI  
 O. 2 Northeastern  
 O. 9 at Liberty  
 O. 16 Rhode Island  
 O. 23 at Delaware  
 O. 30 at Towson  
 N. 6 Villanova  
 N. 13 at James Madison  
 N. 20 Richmond

**BIG SKY****EASTERN WASH. (6-5)**

Cheney, WA  
 S. 2 at Nicholls State  
 S. 11 at Air Force  
 S. 18 Central Washington  
 S. 25 Idaho State  
 O. 2 at Portland State  
 O. 9 Northern Arizona  
 O. 16 Montana  
 O. 23 at Weber State  
 O. 30 Sacramento State  
 N. 6 Cal Poly  
 N. 13 at Montana State

**IDAHO STATE (8-4)**

Pocatello, ID  
 S. 4 Carroll College  
 S. 11 Cal Poly  
 S. 18 at Northern Colorado  
 S. 25 at Eastern Washington  
 O. 2 Montana State  
 O. 9 at Montana  
 O. 23 Sacramento State  
 O. 30 Weber State  
 N. 6 at Portland State  
 N. 13 Northern Arizona  
 N. 20 at Southern Utah

**MONTANA (9-4)**

Missoula, MT  
 S. 4 Maine  
 S. 11 Hofstra  
 S. 18 at Sam Houston  
 S. 25 Northern Colorado  
 O. 2 at Weber State  
 O. 9 Idaho State  
 O. 16 at Eastern Washington  
 O. 30 at Portland State  
 N. 6 Northern Arizona  
 N. 13 Sacramento State  
 N. 20 Montana State

**MONTANA STATE (7-6)**

Bozeman, MT  
 S. 11 Adams State  
 S. 18 Cal Poly  
 S. 25 at Colorado State  
 O. 2 at Idaho State  
 O. 9 Weber State  
 O. 16 Portland State  
 O. 23 South Dakota State  
 O. 30 at Northern Arizona  
 N. 6 at Sacramento State  
 N. 13 Eastern Washington  
 N. 20 at Montana

**NORTHERN ARIZONA (9-4)**

Flagstaff, AZ  
 S. 4 at Arizona  
 S. 11 at Stephen F. Austin  
 S. 25 Weber State  
 O. 2 Sacramento State  
 O. 9 at Eastern Washington  
 O. 16 Western New Mexico  
 O. 23 Portland State  
 O. 30 Montana State  
 N. 6 at Montana  
 N. 13 at Idaho State  
 N. 20 Northern Iowa

**PORTLAND STATE (4-7)**

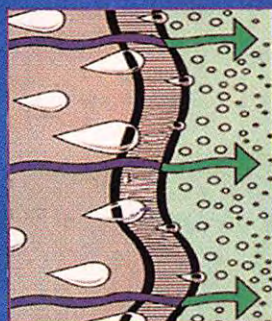
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 S. 18 at Fresno State  
 S. 25 McNeese State  
 O. 2 Eastern Washington  
 O. 9 at Sacramento State  
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 O. 23 at Northern Arizona  
 O. 30 Montana  
 N. 6 Idaho State  
 N. 13 at Weber State  
 N. 20 UC Davis



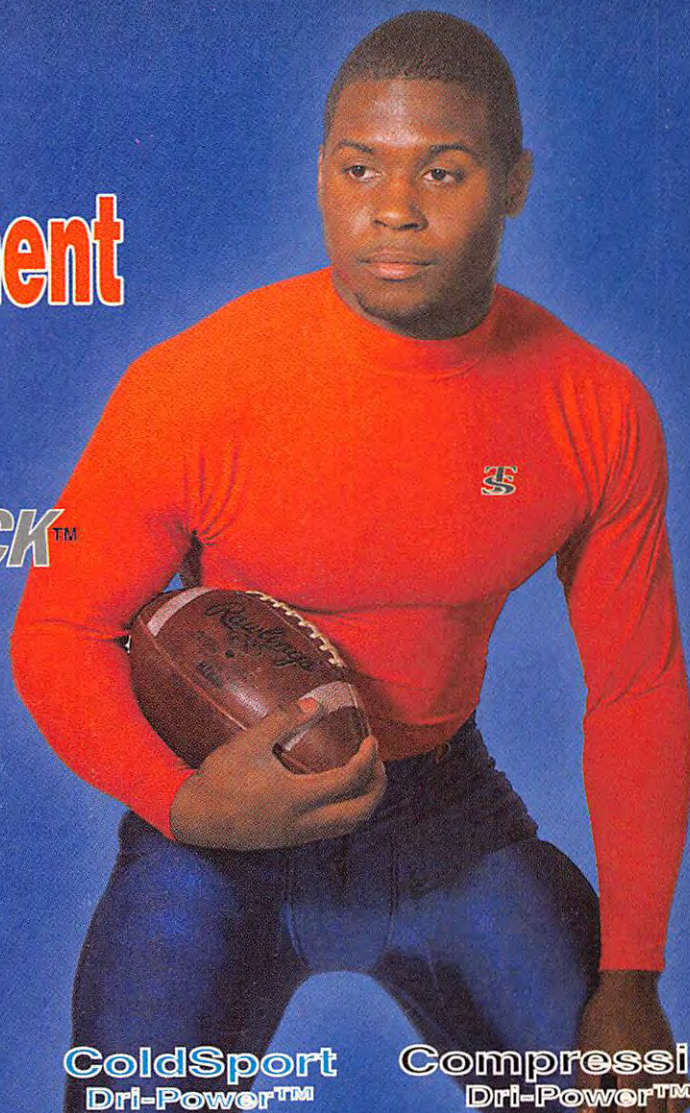
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**SACRAMENTO STATE (2-9)**

Sacramento, CA  
 S. 4 at Nevada  
 S. 18 Southern Utah  
 S. 25 at UC Davis  
 O. 2 at Northern Arizona  
 O. 2 at Portland State  
 O. 16 Weber State  
 O. 23 at Idaho State  
 O. 30 at Eastern Washington  
 N. 6 Montana State  
 N. 13 at Montana  
 N. 20 Cal Poly

**WEBER STATE (8-4)**

Ogden, UT  
 S. 4 Southern Utah  
 S. 11 at UTEP  
 S. 18 UC Davis  
 S. 25 at Northern Arizona  
 O. 2 Montana  
 O. 9 at Montana State  
 O. 16 at Sacramento State  
 O. 23 Eastern Washington  
 O. 30 at Idaho State  
 N. 6 North Dakota State  
 N. 13 Portland State

**BIG SOUTH****CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (1-11)**

Charleston, SC  
 S. 4 at The Citadel  
 S. 11 at Presbyterian  
 S. 18 at Jacksonville  
 S. 25 Charleston  
 O. 2 VMI  
 O. 9 at Howard  
 O. 23 North Greenville  
 O. 30 at Liberty  
 N. 6 Allen  
 N. 13 Gardner-Webb  
 N. 20 at Coastal Carolina

**COASTAL CAROLINA (6-5)**

Conway, SC  
 S. 4 at Morehead State  
 S. 11 Davidson  
 S. 18 at Newberry  
 S. 25 North Greenville  
 O. 9 at Charleston (WV)  
 O. 16 at VMI  
 O. 23 Liberty  
 O. 30 at Gardner-Webb  
 N. 6 Savannah State  
 N. 13 Jacksonville  
 N. 20 Charleston Southern

**GARDNER-WEBB (8-4)**

Boiling Springs, NC  
 S. 11 at Morgan State  
 S. 18 Furman  
 S. 25 Western Carolina  
 O. 2 at Liberty  
 O. 9 at Hampton  
 O. 23 VMI  
 O. 30 Coastal Carolina  
 N. 6 at Wofford  
 N. 13 at Charleston Southern

**LIBERTY (6-6)**

Lynchburg, VA  
 S. 4 West Virginia Tech  
 S. 11 at Kent State  
 S. 18 Lehigh  
 S. 25 at Youngstown State  
 O. 2 Gardner-Webb  
 O. 9 William & Mary  
 O. 23 at Coastal Carolina  
 O. 30 Charleston Southern  
 N. 6 at VMI  
 N. 13 at Chattanooga  
 N. 20 Elon

**VMI (6-6)**

Lexington, VA  
 S. 4 at Ohio  
 S. 11 Richmond  
 S. 18 Tennessee Tech  
 S. 25 at William & Mary  
 O. 2 at Charleston Southern  
 O. 9 at Georgetown  
 O. 16 Coastal Carolina  
 O. 23 at Gardner-Webb  
 O. 30 at James Madison  
 N. 6 Liberty  
 N. 20 Wofford

**GATEWAY****ILLINOIS STATE (6-6)**

Normal, IL  
 S. 2 St. Xavier  
 S. 11 at Minnesota  
 S. 18 Eastern Illinois  
 S. 25 at Florida Atlantic  
 O. 2 at Indiana State  
 O. 9 SW Missouri State  
 O. 16 at Western Illinois  
 O. 23 Youngstown State  
 O. 30 at Western Kentucky  
 N. 6 Southern Illinois  
 N. 13 at Northern Iowa

**INDIANA STATE (3-9)**

Terre Haute, IN  
 A. 28 at Miami (OH)  
 S. 11 at Eastern Illinois  
 S. 18 Murray State  
 O. 2 Illinois State  
 O. 9 at Western Illinois  
 O. 16 SW Missouri State  
 O. 23 at Western Kentucky  
 O. 30 at Youngstown State  
 N. 6 Northern Iowa  
 N. 13 at Southern Illinois

**NORTHERN IOWA (10-3)**

Cedar Falls, IA  
 S. 18 Stephen F. Austin  
 O. 2 at Southern Illinois  
 O. 9 Western Kentucky  
 O. 16 at Youngstown State  
 O. 23 Western Illinois  
 O. 30 SW Missouri State  
 N. 6 at Indiana State  
 N. 13 Illinois State  
 N. 20 at Northern Arizona

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (10-2)**

Carbondale, IL  
 S. 2 SE Missouri State  
 S. 11 at Northern Illinois  
 S. 18 William Penn  
 S. 25 at Delaware State  
 O. 2 Northern Iowa  
 O. 9 at Youngstown State  
 O. 16 Western Kentucky  
 O. 23 at SW Missouri State  
 O. 30 Western Illinois  
 N. 6 at Illinois State  
 N. 13 Indiana State

**SW MISSOURI STATE (4-7)**

Springfield, MO  
 S. 2 Drake  
 S. 11 Sam Houston  
 S. 18 Union College  
 S. 25 at Tulsa  
 O. 2 Western Illinois  
 O. 9 at Illinois State  
 O. 16 at Indiana State  
 O. 23 Southern Illinois  
 O. 30 at Northern Iowa  
 N. 6 Western Kentucky  
 N. 13 Youngstown State

**WESTERN ILLINOIS (9-4)**

Macomb, IL  
 S. 4 at Nebraska  
 S. 11 Cheyney  
 S. 18 at Hampton  
 S. 25 Quincy  
 O. 2 at SW Missouri State  
 O. 9 Indiana State  
 O. 16 Illinois State  
 O. 23 at Northern Iowa  
 O. 30 at Southern Illinois  
 N. 6 Youngstown State  
 N. 13 at Western Kentucky

**WESTERN KENTUCKY (9-4)**

Bowling Green, KY  
 S. 4 at Kansas State  
 S. 11 Concord (WV)  
 S. 18 at Eastern Kentucky  
 S. 25 at Florida International  
 O. 2 Youngstown State  
 O. 9 at Northern Iowa  
 O. 16 at Southern Illinois  
 O. 23 Indiana State  
 O. 30 Illinois State  
 N. 6 at SW Missouri State  
 N. 13 Western Illinois

**YOUNGSTOWN STATE (5-7)**

Youngstown, OH  
 S. 2 Slippery Rock  
 S. 11 Florida International  
 S. 18 at McNeese State  
 S. 25 Liberty  
 O. 2 at Western Kentucky  
 O. 9 Southern Illinois  
 O. 16 Northern Iowa  
 O. 23 at Illinois State  
 O. 30 Indiana State  
 N. 6 at Western Illinois  
 N. 13 at SW Missouri State

**IVY****BROWN (5-5)**

Providence, RI  
 S. 18 Albany  
 S. 25 Harvard  
 O. 2 at Rhode Island  
 O. 9 at Fordham  
 O. 16 at Princeton  
 O. 23 Cornell  
 O. 30 at Penn  
 N. 6 Yale  
 N. 13 at Dartmouth  
 N. 20 Columbia

**COLUMBIA (4-6)**

New York, NY  
 S. 18 Fordham  
 S. 25 at Bucknell  
 O. 2 Princeton  
 O. 9 Lafayette  
 O. 16 at Penn  
 O. 23 Dartmouth  
 O. 30 at Yale  
 N. 6 at Harvard  
 N. 13 Cornell  
 N. 20 at Brown

**CORNELL (1-9)**

Ithaca, NY  
 S. 18 at Bucknell  
 S. 25 Yale  
 O. 2 at Towson  
 O. 9 at Harvard  
 O. 16 Colgate  
 O. 23 at Brown  
 O. 30 Princeton  
 N. 6 Dartmouth  
 N. 13 at Columbia  
 N. 20 Penn

**DARTMOUTH (5-5)**

Hanover, NH  
 S. 18 at Colgate  
 S. 25 New Hampshire  
 O. 2 at Penn  
 O. 9 Yale  
 O. 16 Holy Cross  
 O. 23 at Columbia  
 O. 30 Harvard  
 N. 6 at Cornell  
 N. 13 Brown  
 N. 20 at Princeton

**HARVARD (7-3)**

Cambridge, MA  
 S. 18 Holy Cross  
 S. 25 at Brown  
 O. 2 at Lafayette  
 O. 9 Cornell  
 O. 16 Northeastern  
 O. 23 at Princeton  
 O. 30 at Dartmouth  
 N. 6 Columbia  
 N. 13 at Penn  
 N. 20 Yale

**PENN (10-0)**

Philadelphia, PA  
 S. 18 at San Diego  
 S. 25 Villanova  
 O. 2 Dartmouth  
 O. 9 at Bucknell  
 O. 16 Columbia  
 O. 23 at Yale  
 O. 30 Brown  
 N. 6 at Princeton  
 N. 13 Harvard  
 N. 20 at Cornell

**PRINCETON (2-8)**

Princeton, NJ  
 S. 18 Lafayette  
 S. 25 at San Diego  
 O. 2 at Columbia  
 O. 9 at Colgate  
 O. 16 Brown  
 S. 25 Quincy  
 O. 23 Harvard  
 O. 30 at Cornell  
 N. 6 Penn  
 N. 13 at Yale  
 N. 20 Dartmouth

**YALE (6-4)**

New Haven, CT  
 S. 18 at Dayton  
 S. 25 at Cornell  
 O. 2 Colgate  
 O. 9 at Dartmouth  
 O. 16 Lehigh  
 O. 23 Penn  
 O. 30 Columbia  
 N. 6 at Brown  
 N. 13 Princeton  
 N. 20 at Harvard

**MAAC****DUQUESNE (8-3)**

Pittsburgh, PA  
 S. 4 at Holy Cross  
 S. 11 at Robert Morris  
 S. 18 Georgetown  
 S. 25 at Fordham  
 O. 9 Iona  
 O. 16 at Saint Peter's  
 O. 30 Marist  
 N. 6 at La Salle  
 N. 13 Morehead State  
 N. 20 Bucknell

**IONA (6-5)**

New Rochelle, NY  
 S. 4 Montclair State  
 S. 18 at Sacred Heart  
 S. 25 at Marist  
 O. 2 Monmouth  
 O. 9 at Duquesne  
 O. 16 at Wagner  
 O. 23 at Assumption  
 O. 30 La Salle  
 N. 6 St. Peter's  
 N. 13 at Stony Brook

**LA SALLE (3-8)**

Philadelphia, PA  
 S. 4 Wagner  
 S. 11 at Monmouth  
 O. 2 at St. Francis (PA)  
 O. 30 at Iona  
 N. 6 Duquesne  
 N. 13 at Marist  
 S. 25 Iona  
 O. 2 at Central Conn. State  
 O. 30 at Duquesne  
 N. 6 at Holy Cross

**ST. PETER'S (2-8)**

Jersey City, NJ  
 S. 4 Monmouth  
 S. 16 Central Conn. State  
 O. 16 Duquesne  
 O. 30 at Robert Morris  
 N. 6 at Iona

**MEAC****BETHUNE-COOKMAN (9-3)**

Daytona Beach, FL  
 S. 4 Savannah State  
 S. 25 Norfolk State  
 O. 2 at Morgan State  
 O. 9 Delaware State  
 O. 20 #Florida A&M  
 O. 30 at North Carolina A&T  
 N. 6 at Hampton  
 N. 13 Howard  
 #Orlando, FL

**DELAWARE STATE (1-10)**

Dover, DE  
 S. 4 Massachusetts  
 S. 11 North Carolina Central  
 S. 18 at Elon  
 S. 25 Southern Illinois  
 O. 2 Hampton  
 O. 9 at Bethune-Cookman  
 O. 16 North Carolina A&T  
 O. 23 at Morgan State  
 O. 30 South Carolina State  
 N. 13 at Norfolk State  
 N. 20 at Howard

**HAMPTON (7-4)**

Hampton, VA  
 S. 4 #Jackson State  
 S. 11 Howard  
 S. 18 Western Illinois  
 S. 25 #Morgan State  
 O. 2 at Delaware State  
 O. 9 Gardner-Webb  
 O. 16 Norfolk State  
 O. 23 at South Carolina State  
 N. 6 Bethune-Cookman  
 N. 13 North Carolina A&T  
 N. 20 at Savannah State  
 #Orlando, FL  
 #East Rutherford, NJ

**HOWARD (4-7)**

Washington, DC  
 S. 4 #Alabama State  
 S. 11 at Hampton  
 S. 18 #Grambling  
 S. 25 Savannah State  
 O. 9 Charleston Southern  
 O. 16 Morgan State  
 O. 23 at North Carolina A&T  
 O. 30 Norfolk State  
 N. 6 at South Carolina State  
 N. 13 at Bethune-Cookman  
 N. 20 Delaware State  
 #Detroit, MI  
 #Landover, MD

**MORGAN STATE (6-5)**

Baltimore, MD  
 S. 4 Bowie State  
 S. 11 Gardner-Webb  
 S. 18 at San Jose State  
 S. 25 #Hampton  
 O. 2 Bethune-Cookman  
 O. 9 at North Carolina A&T  
 O. 16 at Howard  
 O. 23 Delaware State  
 N. 6 at Norfolk State  
 N. 13 at South Carolina State  
 N. 20 at Texas Southern  
 #East Rutherford, NJ

**NC A&T (10-3)**

Greensboro, NC  
 S. 4 #North Carolina Central  
 S. 11 #Alcorn State  
 S. 18 at Wake Forest  
 S. 25 Elon  
 O. 2 at Norfolk State  
 O. 9 Morgan State  
 O. 16 at Delaware State  
 O. 23 Howard  
 O. 30 Bethune-Cookman  
 N. 13 at Hampton  
 N. 20 #South Carolina State  
 #Raleigh, NC  
 #Chicago, IL  
 #Charlotte, NC

**NORFOLK STATE (1-11)**

Norfolk, VA  
 S. 4 Virginia State  
 S. 11 Savannah State  
 S. 25 at Bethune-Cookman  
 O. 2 North Carolina A&T  
 O. 9 South Carolina State  
 O. 16 at Hampton  
 O. 30 at Howard  
 N. 6 Morgan State  
 N. 13 Delaware State

**SC STATE (8-4)**

Orangeburg, SC  
 S. 4 at Benedict  
 S. 11 Wofford  
 S. 18 at Savannah State  
 O. 2 #Tennessee State  
 O. 9 at Norfolk State  
 O. 16 Bethune-Cookman  
 O. 23 Hampton  
 O. 30 at Delaware State  
 N. 6 Howard  
 N. 13 Morgan State  
 N. 20 #North Carolina A&T  
 #Indianapolis, IN  
 #Charlotte, NC

**NORTHEAST****ALBANY (7-4)**

Albany, NY  
 S. 2 at Hofstra  
 S. 11 Fordham  
 S. 18 at Brown  
 S. 25 at Sacred Heart  
 O. 2 at Lehigh  
 O. 9 St. Francis (PA)  
 O. 16 Monmouth  
 O. 23 at Stony Brook  
 O. 30 Wagner  
 N. 6 at Robert Morris  
 N. 13 Central Conn. State

**CENTRAL CONN. STATE (3-8)**

New Britain, CT  
 S. 4 at Sacred Heart  
 S. 11 at Rhode Island  
 S. 16 at Saint Peter's  
 S. 25 Wagner  
 O. 2 Marist  
 O. 9 at Robert Morris  
 O. 23 St. Francis (PA)  
 O. 30 at Monmouth  
 N. 6 Stony Brook  
 N. 13 at Albany

**MONMOUTH (10-2)**

W. Long Branch, NJ  
 S. 4 at St. Peter's  
 S. 11 La Salle  
 S. 18 at Robert Morris  
 S. 25 Stony Brook  
 O. 2 at Iona  
 O. 9 at Wagner  
 O. 16 at Albany  
 O. 23 Georgetown  
 O. 30 Central Conn. State  
 N. 6 Sacred Heart  
 N. 13 St. Francis (PA)

**ROBERT MORRIS (6-4)**

Moon Township, PA  
 S. 4 Buffalo State  
 S. 11 Duquesne  
 S. 18 Monmouth  
 S. 25 at St. Francis (PA)  
 O. 2 at Stony Brook  
 O. 9 Central Conn. State  
 O. 16 Dayton  
 O. 23 at Wagner  
 O. 30 St. Peter's  
 O. 6 Albany  
 O. 13 at Sacred Heart

**SACRED HEART (6-5)**

Fairfield, CT  
 S. 4 Central Conn. State  
 S. 11 at St. Francis (PA)  
 S. 18 Iona  
 O. 2 Wagner  
 N. 6 at Monmouth  
 N. 13 Robert Morris

**ST. FRANCIS (PA) (1-9)**

Loretto, PA  
 S. 4 at Georgetown  
 S. 11 Sacred Heart  
 S. 18 Valparaiso  
 S. 25 Robert Morris  
 O. 2 La Salle  
 O. 9 at Albany  
 O. 16 Stony Brook  
 O. 23 at Central Conn. State  
 O. 30 at Morehead State  
 N. 6 Wagner  
 N. 13 at Monmouth

**STONY BROOK (6-4)**

Stony Brook, NY  
 S. 4 at Lehigh  
 S. 18 at Wagner  
 S. 25 at Monmouth  
 O. 2 Robert Morris  
 O. 16 at St. Francis (PA)  
 O. 23 Albany  
 N. 6 at Central Conn. State  
 N. 13 Iona

**WAGNER (6-5)**

Staten Island, NY  
 S. 4 at LaSalle  
 S. 11 at Marist  
 S. 18 Stony Brook  
 S. 25 at Central Conn. State  
 O. 2 at Sacred Heart  
 O. 9 Monmouth  
 O. 16 Iona  
 O. 23 Robert Morris  
 O. 30 at Albany  
 N. 6 at St. Francis (PA)  
 N. 13 at San Diego

**OHIO VALLEY****EASTERN ILLINOIS (4-8)**

Charleston, IL  
 S. 11 Indiana State  
 S. 18 at Illinois State  
 S. 25 at Eastern Michigan  
 O. 2 SE Missouri State  
 O. 9 at Eastern Kentucky  
 O. 16 Murray State  
 O. 23 at Tennessee-Martin  
 O. 30 Tennessee State  
 N. 6 at Tennessee Tech  
 N. 13 Jacksonville State  
 N. 20 at Samford

**EASTERN KENTUCKY (7-5)**

Richmond, KY  
 S. 11 at Appalachian State  
 S. 18 Western Kentucky  
 S. 25 Jacksonville State  
 O. 2 at Samford  
 O. 9 Eastern Illinois  
 O. 16 at SE Missouri State  
 O. 23 at Vanderbilt  
 O. 30 Murray State  
 N. 6 at Tennessee-Martin  
 N. 13 Tennessee State  
 N. 20 at Tennessee Tech

**JACKSONVILLE STATE (8-4)**

Jacksonville, AL  
 S. 4 Emporia State  
 S. 18 at Chattanooga  
 S. 25 at Eastern Kentucky  
 O. 2 Murray State  
 O. 9 at Tennessee-Martin  
 O. 16 Tennessee State  
 O. 23 at Tennessee Tech  
 N. 6 Samford  
 N. 13 at Eastern Illinois  
 N. 20 SE Missouri State

**MURRAY STATE (4-8)**

Murray, KY  
 S. 4 at Connecticut  
 S. 18 at Indiana State  
 S. 25 Tennessee Tech  
 O. 2 at Jacksonville State  
 O. 9 Samford  
 O. 16 at Eastern Illinois  
 O. 23 SE Missouri State  
 O. 30 at Eastern Kentucky  
 N. 13 Tennessee-Martin  
 N. 20 at Tennessee State

**SAMFORD (7-4)**

Birmingham, AL  
 A. 28 West Alabama  
 S. 4 at Georgia Tech  
 S. 11 Furman  
 S. 25 at SE Missouri State  
 O. 2 Eastern Kentucky  
 O. 9 at Murray State  
 O. 16 Tennessee-Martin  
 O. 23 at Tennessee State  
 O. 30 Tennessee Tech  
 N. 6 at Jacksonville State  
 N. 20 Eastern Illinois

**SE MISSOURI STATE (5-7)**

Cape Girardeau, MO  
 S. 2 at Southern Illinois  
 S. 11 at Bowling Green  
 S. 18 at Central Michigan  
 S. 25 Samford  
 O. 2 at Eastern Illinois  
 O. 16 Eastern Kentucky  
 O. 23 at Murray State  
 O. 30 Tennessee-Martin  
 N. 6 at Tennessee State  
 N. 13 Tennessee Tech  
 N. 20 at Jacksonville State

**TENNESSEE-MARTIN (2-10)**

Martin, TN  
 S. 2 at Western Michigan  
 S. 9 Tennessee State  
 S. 18 at Austin Peay  
 O. 2 at Tennessee Tech  
 O. 9 Jacksonville State  
 O. 16 at Samford  
 O. 23 Eastern Illinois  
 O. 30 at Southeast Missouri  
 N. 6 Eastern Kentucky  
 N. 13 at Murray State

**TENNESSEE STATE (7-5)**

Nashville, TN  
 S. 4 Alabama A&M  
 S. 9 at Tennessee-Martin  
 S. 18 #Jackson State  
 S. 25 #Florida A&M  
 O. 2 #South Carolina State  
 O. 16 at Jacksonville State  
 O. 23 Samford  
 O. 30 at Eastern Illinois  
 N. 6 SE Missouri State  
 N. 13 at Eastern Kentucky  
 N. 20 Murray State

**TENNESSEE TECH (2-9)**

Cookeville, TN  
 S. 11 at South Florida  
 S. 18 at VMI  
 S. 25 at Murray State  
 O. 2 Tennessee-Martin  
 O. 9 Chattanooga  
 O. 23 Jacksonville State  
 O. 30 at Samford  
 N. 6 Eastern Illinois  
 N. 13 at SE Missouri State  
 N. 20 Eastern Kentucky

**PATRIOT****BUCKNELL (6-6)**

Lewisburg, PA  
 S. 2 at Villanova  
 S. 18 Cornell  
 S. 25 Columbia  
 O. 2 at Georgetown  
 O. 9 Penn  
 O. 16 Lafayette  
 O. 23 at Lehigh  
 O. 30 at Holy Cross  
 N. 6 Fordham  
 N. 13 Colgate  
 N. 20 at Duquesne





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**COLGATE (15-1)**

Hamilton, NY  
S. 11 at Massachusetts  
S. 18 Dartmouth  
S. 25 Georgetown  
O. 2 at Yale  
O. 9 Princeton  
O. 16 at Cornell  
O. 23 Holy Cross  
O. 30 at Lehigh  
N. 6 Lafayette  
N. 13 at Bucknell  
N. 20 at Fordham

**FORDHAM (9-3)**

Bronx, NY  
S. 4 Rhode Island  
S. 11 at Albany  
S. 18 at Columbia  
S. 25 Duquesne  
O. 2 at Holy Cross  
O. 9 Brown  
O. 23 Lafayette  
O. 30 Georgetown  
N. 6 at Bucknell  
N. 13 at Lehigh  
N. 20 Colgate

**GEORGETOWN (4-8)**

Washington, DC  
S. 4 St. Francis (PA)  
S. 11 Lafayette  
S. 18 at Duquesne  
S. 25 at Colgate  
O. 2 Bucknell  
O. 9 VMI  
O. 23 at Monmouth  
O. 30 at Fordham  
N. 6 Lehigh  
N. 13 at Davidson  
N. 20 Holy Cross

**HOLY CROSS (1-11)**

Worcester, MA  
S. 4 Duquesne  
S. 11 San Diego  
S. 18 at Harvard  
O. 2 Fordham  
O. 9 Lehigh  
O. 16 at Dartmouth  
O. 23 at Colgate  
O. 30 Bucknell  
N. 6 Marist  
N. 13 at Lafayette  
N. 20 at Georgetown

**LAFAYETTE (5-6)**

Easton, PA  
S. 4 Marist  
S. 11 at Georgetown  
S. 18 at Princeton  
S. 25 at Richmond  
O. 2 Harvard  
O. 9 at Columbia  
O. 16 at Bucknell  
O. 23 at Fordham  
O. 6 at Colgate  
N. 13 Holy Cross  
N. 20 Lehigh

**LEHIGH (8-3)**

Bethlehem, PA  
S. 4 Stony Brook  
S. 11 Villanova  
S. 18 at Liberty  
O. 2 Albany  
O. 9 at Holy Cross  
O. 16 at Yale  
O. 23 Bucknell  
O. 30 Colgate  
N. 6 at Georgetown  
N. 13 Fordham  
N. 20 at Lafayette

**PIONEER****AUSTIN PEAY (4-7)**

Clarksville, TN  
S. 2 Campbellsville  
S. 11 at Valparaiso  
S. 18 Tennessee-Martin  
S. 25 Dayton  
O. 2 at Butler  
O. 9 Morehead State  
O. 16 at Jacksonville  
O. 23 at St. Joseph's (IN)  
O. 30 Charleston (WV)  
N. 6 Davidson

**BUTLER (2-9)**

Indianapolis, IN  
S. 4 at Albion  
S. 11 Tiffin  
S. 18 at Morehead State  
S. 25 at Davidson  
O. 2 Austin Peay  
O. 9 at St. Francis (IN)  
O. 16 Drake  
O. 23 at Dayton  
O. 30 San Diego  
N. 6 at Valparaiso  
N. 13 St. Joseph's (IN)

**DAVIDSON (3-8)**

Davidson, NC  
S. 11 at Coastal Carolina  
S. 18 at Lenoir-Rhyne  
S. 25 Butler  
O. 2 at Dayton  
O. 9 Jacksonville  
O. 16 Morehead State  
O. 23 at San Diego  
N. 6 at Austin Peay  
N. 13 Georgetown

**DAYTON (9-2)**

Dayton, OH  
S. 2 Tiffin  
S. 11 Morehead State  
S. 18 Yale  
S. 25 at Austin Peay  
O. 2 Davidson  
O. 9 at Valparaiso  
O. 16 at Robert Morris  
O. 23 Butler  
O. 30 Drake  
N. 6 at San Diego

**DRAKE (6-6)**

Des Moines, IA  
S. 2 at SW Missouri State  
S. 11 William Penn  
S. 18 Wisconsin-Platteville  
S. 25 Morehead State  
O. 2 at Jacksonville  
O. 9 San Diego  
O. 16 at Butler  
O. 23 Valparaiso  
O. 30 at Dayton  
N. 6 Upper Iowa  
N. 13 Waldorf

**JACKSONVILLE (5-6)**

Jacksonville, FL  
S. 2 at Florida International  
S. 11 at Wingate  
S. 18 Charleston Southern  
S. 25 at Valparaiso  
O. 2 Drake  
O. 9 at Davidson  
O. 16 Austin Peay  
O. 23 at Morehead State  
O. 30 Webber International  
N. 6 Southeastern Louisiana  
N. 13 at Coastal Carolina

**MOREHEAD STATE (8-3)**

Morehead, KY  
S. 4 Coastal Carolina  
S. 11 at Dayton  
S. 18 Butler  
S. 25 at Drake  
O. 2 Valparaiso  
O. 9 at Austin Peay  
O. 16 at Davidson  
O. 23 Jacksonville  
O. 30 St. Francis (PA)  
N. 6 at Charleston (WV)  
N. 13 at Duquesne

**SAN DIEGO (8-2)**

San Diego, CA  
S. 4 at Azusa Pacific  
S. 11 at Holy Cross  
S. 18 Penn  
S. 25 Princeton  
O. 2 Southern Oregon  
O. 9 at Drake  
O. 16 Valparaiso  
O. 23 Davidson  
O. 30 at Butler  
N. 6 Dayton  
N. 13 Wagner

**VALPARAISO (8-4)**

Valparaiso, IN  
S. 4 at Wisconsin Lutheran  
S. 11 Austin Peay  
S. 18 at St. Francis (PA)  
S. 25 Jacksonville  
O. 2 at Morehead State  
O. 9 Dayton  
O. 16 at San Diego  
O. 23 at Drake  
N. 6 Butler  
S. 13 Aurora

**SOUTHERN****APPALACHIAN STATE (7-4)**

Boone, NC  
S. 4 at Wyoming  
S. 11 Eastern Kentucky  
S. 18 The Citadel  
S. 25 at Northwestern State  
O. 2 Texas State  
O. 9 Furman  
O. 16 at Georgia Southern  
O. 23 Wofford  
O. 30 at Chattanooga  
N. 6 Elon  
N. 13 at Western Carolina

**CHATTANOOGA (3-9)**

Chattanooga, TN  
S. 11 at Memphis  
S. 18 Jacksonville State  
S. 25 Georgia Southern  
O. 2 at Wofford  
O. 9 at Tennessee Tech  
O. 16 Elon  
O. 23 at Western Carolina  
O. 30 Appalachian State  
N. 6 at The Citadel  
N. 13 Liberty  
N. 20 at Furman

**ELON (2-10)**

Elon, NC  
S. 4 Towson  
S. 18 Delaware State  
S. 25 at North Carolina A&T  
O. 2 at Georgia Southern  
O. 9 Wofford  
O. 16 at Chattanooga  
O. 23 Furman  
O. 30 Western Carolina  
N. 6 at Appalachian State  
N. 13 The Citadel  
N. 20 at Liberty

**FURMAN (6-5)**

Greenville, SC  
S. 4 Presbyterian  
S. 11 at Sanford  
S. 18 at Gardner-Webb  
S. 25 at Pittsburgh  
O. 2 Western Carolina  
O. 9 at Appalachian State  
O. 16 The Citadel  
O. 23 at Elon  
N. 6 Georgia Southern  
N. 13 at Wofford  
N. 20 Chattanooga

**GEORGIA SOUTHERN (7-4)**

Statesboro, GA  
S. 4 at Georgia  
S. 11 Johnson C. Smith  
S. 18 Wofford  
S. 25 at Chattanooga  
O. 2 Elon  
O. 9 at Western Carolina  
O. 16 Appalachian State  
O. 23 at The Citadel  
O. 30 South Dakota State  
N. 6 at Furman  
N. 13 at Florida International

**THE CITADEL (6-6)**

Charleston, SC  
S. 4 Charleston Southern  
S. 18 at Appalachian State  
O. 16 at Furman  
O. 23 Georgia Southern  
O. 30 at Wofford  
S. 25 #Arkansas-Pine Bluff  
N. 13 at Elon  
N. 20 Western Carolina

**WESTERN CAROLINA (5-7)**

Cullowhee, NC  
S. 2 West Virginia State  
S. 11 Nicholls State  
S. 18 at Alabama  
S. 25 at Gardner-Webb  
O. 2 at Furman  
O. 9 Georgia Southern  
O. 16 at Wofford  
O. 23 Chattanooga  
O. 30 at Elon  
N. 13 Appalachian State  
N. 20 at The Citadel

**WOFFORD (12-2)**

Spartanburg, SC  
S. 11 at South Carolina State  
S. 18 at Georgia Southern  
S. 25 Johnson C. Smith  
O. 2 Chattanooga  
O. 9 at Elon  
O. 16 Western Carolina  
O. 23 at Appalachian State  
O. 30 The Citadel  
N. 6 Gardner-Webb  
N. 13 Furman  
N. 20 at VMI

**SOUTHLAND**

MCNEESE STATE (10-2)  
Lake Charles, LA  
S. 11 Southeastern Louisiana  
S. 18 Youngstown State  
S. 25 at Portland State  
O. 2 Southern Utah  
O. 16 at Northwestern State  
O. 23 at Florida International  
O. 30 Texas State  
N. 6 at Sam Houston  
N. 13 at Stephen F. Austin  
N. 20 Nicholls State

**NICHOLLS STATE (5-6)**

Thibodaux, LA  
S. 2 Eastern Washington  
S. 11 at Western Carolina  
S. 18 Texas A&M-Kingsville  
S. 25 at Texas Southern  
O. 2 North Dakota State  
O. 9 at Florida A&M  
O. 16 at Sam Houston  
O. 23 Northwestern State  
N. 6 Stephen F. Austin  
N. 13 at Texas State  
N. 20 at McNeese State

**NORTHWESTERN STATE (6-6)**

Natchitoches, LA  
S. 4 at UL Lafayette  
S. 11 at Jackson State  
S. 18 Texas Southern  
S. 25 Appalachian State  
O. 2 Okla. Panhandle State  
O. 16 McNeese State  
O. 23 at Nicholls State  
O. 30 at North Dakota State  
N. 6 Texas State  
N. 13 Sam Houston  
N. 20 at Stephen F. Austin

**SAM HOUSTON (2-9)**

Huntsville, TX  
S. 4 Ouachita Baptist  
S. 11 at SW Missouri State  
S. 18 Montana  
S. 25 at Southeastern La.  
O. 7 Tarleton State  
O. 16 Nicholls State  
O. 23 Northern Colorado  
O. 30 at Stephen F. Austin  
N. 6 McNeese State  
N. 13 at Northwestern State  
N. 20 Texas State

**STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (7-4)**

Nacogdoches, TX  
S. 4 Henderson State  
S. 11 Northern Arizona  
S. 18 at Northern Iowa  
S. 25 Southern Utah  
O. 9 Florida International  
O. 16 at UC Davis  
O. 23 at Texas State  
O. 30 Sam Houston  
N. 6 at Nicholls State  
N. 13 McNeese State  
N. 20 Northwestern State

**TEXAS STATE (4-8)**

San Marcos, TX  
S. 4 Angelo State  
S. 11 at Baylor  
S. 18 Southeastern Louisiana  
O. 2 at Appalachian State  
O. 9 Florida Atlantic  
O. 16 at Cal Poly  
O. 23 Stephen F. Austin  
O. 30 at McNeese State  
N. 6 at Northwestern State  
N. 13 Nicholls State  
N. 20 at Sam Houston

**SWAC**

ALABAMA A&M (8-4)  
Huntsville, AL  
S. 4 at Tennessee State  
S. 11 Grambling  
S. 18 Miss. Valley State  
S. 25 #Arkansas-Pine Bluff  
O. 2 at Texas Southern  
O. 9 Southern  
O. 16 #Savannah State  
O. 30 #Alabama State  
N. 6 at Jackson State  
N. 13 Alcorn State  
N. 20 Prairie View A&M  
#St. Louis, MO  
#Augusta, GA  
#Birmingham, AL

**ALABAMA STATE (8-5)**

Montgomery, AL  
S. 4 #Howard  
S. 11 Texas Southern  
S. 18 Arkansas-Pine Bluff  
S. 25 at Alcorn State  
O. 2 Southern  
O. 9 #Jackson State  
O. 16 at Prairie View A&M  
O. 30 #Alabama A&M  
N. 6 at Grambling  
N. 13 Miss. Valley State  
#Detroit, MI  
#Mobile, AL  
#Birmingham, AL

**ALCORN STATE (7-5)**

Lorman, MS  
S. 4 at Grambling  
S. 11 #North Carolina A&T  
S. 25 Alabama State  
O. 9 at Prairie View A&M  
O. 16 Texas Southern  
O. 23 Southern  
O. 30 at Southeastern La.  
N. 6 at Miss. Valley State  
N. 13 at Alabama A&M  
N. 20 at Jackson State  
N. 27 Arkansas-Pine Bluff  
#Chicago, IL

**ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF (4-7)**

Pine Bluff, AR  
S. 18 at Alabama State  
S. 25 #Alabama A&M  
O. 9 at Texas Southern  
O. 16 at Grambling  
O. 30 Jackson State  
N. 6 Prairie View A&M  
N. 27 at Alcorn State  
#St. Louis, MO

**GRAMBLING (9-3)**

Grambling, LA  
S. 4 Alcorn State  
S. 11 at Alabama A&M  
S. 18 #Howard  
O. 2 #Prairie View A&M  
O. 9 at Miss. Valley State  
O. 16 Arkansas-Pine Bluff  
O. 23 Jackson State  
O. 30 at Texas Southern  
N. 6 Alabama State  
N. 13 at Savannah State  
N. 27 #Southern  
#Landon, MD  
#Dallas, TX  
#New Orleans, LA

**JACKSON STATE (2-10)**

Jackson, MS  
S. 4 #Hampton  
S. 11 Northwestern State  
S. 18 #Tennessee State  
S. 25 Miss. Valley State  
O. 9 #Alabama State  
O. 16 #Southern  
O. 23 at Grambling  
O. 30 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff  
N. 6 Alabama A&M  
N. 13 at Prairie View A&M  
N. 20 Alcorn State  
#Orlando, FL  
#Memphis, TN  
#Mobile, AL  
#New Orleans, LA

**MISS. VALLEY STATE (2-9)**

Itta Bena, MS  
S. 18 at Alabama A&M  
S. 25 at Jackson State  
O. 9 Grambling  
O. 23 at Texas Southern  
O. 30 Prairie View A&M  
N. 6 Alcorn State  
N. 13 at Alabama State

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M (1-9)**

Prairie View, TX  
S. 4 at Texas Southern  
S. 11 at Paul Quinn  
S. 18 #Southern  
O. 2 #Grambling State  
O. 9 Alcorn State  
O. 16 Alabama State  
O. 23 Lincoln  
O. 30 at Miss. Valley State  
N. 6 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff  
N. 13 Jackson State  
N. 20 at Alabama A&M  
#Dallas, TX  
#Houston, TX

**SOUTHERN (12-1)**

Baton Rouge, LA  
S. 18 #Prairie View A&M  
O. 2 at Alabama State  
O. 9 #Alabama A&M  
O. 16 Jackson State  
O. 23 Texas Southern  
N. 27 #Grambling  
#Houston, TX  
#New Orleans, LA

**TEXAS SOUTHERN (5-6)**

Houston, TX  
S. 4 #Prairie View A&M  
S. 11 at Alabama State  
S. 18 at Northwestern State  
S. 25 Nicholls State  
O. 2 Alabama A&M  
O. 9 Arkansas-Pine Bluff  
O. 16 at Alcorn State  
O. 23 Miss. Valley State  
O. 30 Grambling  
N. 13 at Southern  
N. 20 Morgan State  
#Astrodome: Houston, TX

**I-AA Independents****CAL POLY (7-4)**

San Luis Obispo, CA  
S. 4 Humboldt State  
S. 11 at Idaho State  
S. 18 at Montana State  
O. 2 South Dakota State  
O. 9 at Southern Utah  
O. 16 Texas State  
O. 23 at North Dakota State  
O. 30 UC Davis  
N. 6 at Eastern Washington  
N. 13 Northern Colorado  
N. 20 at Sacramento State

**FLORIDA A&M (6-6)**

Tallahassee, FL  
S. 4 at Illinois  
S. 11 at Tulane  
S. 18 at Temple  
S. 25 #Tennessee State  
O. 2 Virginia Union  
O. 9 Nicholls State  
O. 16 at Virginia Tech  
O. 23 Savannah State  
O. 30 Florida Atlantic  
N. 20 #Bethune-Cookman  
N. 27 at Florida International  
#Atlanta, GA  
#Orlando, FL

**FLORIDA ATLANTIC (11-3)**

Boca Raton, FL  
S. 4 at Hawaii  
S. 11 at North Texas  
S. 18 at Middle Tennessee  
S. 25 Illinois State  
O. 9 at Texas State  
O. 16 at Northern Colorado  
O. 23 UL Monroe  
O. 30 at Florida A&M  
N. 6 at Troy State  
N. 13 New Mexico State  
N. 20 Florida International

**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL (2-10)**

Miami, FL  
S. 2 Jacksonville  
S. 11 at Youngstown State  
S. 25 Western Kentucky  
O. 2 UL Lafayette  
O. 9 at Stephen F. Austin  
O. 16 at UL Monroe  
O. 23 McNeese State  
O. 30 at New Mexico State  
N. 13 Georgia Southern  
N. 20 at Florida Atlantic  
N. 27 Florida A&M

**SAVANNAH STATE (0-12)**

Savannah, GA  
S. 4 at Bethune-Cookman  
S. 11 at Norfolk State  
S. 18 South Carolina State  
S. 25 at Howard  
O. 9 #Albany State  
O. 16 #Alabama A&M  
O. 23 at Florida A&M  
O. 30 Allen  
N. 6 at Coastal Carolina  
N. 13 Grambling  
N. 20 Hampton  
#Macon, GA  
#Augusta, GA

**SOUTHERN UTAH (4-7)**

Cedar City, UT  
S. 4 at Weber State  
S. 18 at Sacramento State  
S. 25 at Stephen F. Austin  
O. 2 at McNeese State  
O. 9 Cal Poly  
O. 16 at North Dakota State  
O. 23 UC Davis  
O. 30 Montana Western  
N. 6 at Northern Colorado  
N. 13 South Dakota State  
N. 20 Idaho State

**SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA (5-7)**

Hammond, LA  
S. 11 at McNeese State  
S. 18 at Texas State  
S. 25 Sam Houston  
O. 2 Alcorn State  
N. 6 at Jacksonville



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□ California	\$1,295,000	□ Kansas State	\$1,500,000	□ North Carolina	\$300,000	□ Southern Miss	\$925,000	□ Washington	\$850,000
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# 2004-05 Bowl Schedule

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**New Orleans Bowl**  
8:00 pm Tuesday  
New Orleans, La.  
ESPN2 Sun Belt vs. C-USA

**Tangerine Bowl**  
7:30 pm Tuesday  
Orlando, Fla.  
ESPN ACC vs. Big 12

**GMAC Bowl**  
8:00 pm Wednesday  
Mobile, Ala.  
ESPN MAC vs. C-USA

**Fort Worth Bowl**  
6:30 pm Thursday  
Fort Worth, Texas  
ESPN Big 12 vs. C-USA

**Las Vegas Bowl**  
9:30 pm Thursday  
Las Vegas, Nev.  
ESPN Pac-10 vs. MWC

**Hawaii Bowl**  
2:00 pm Friday  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
ESPN WAC vs. C-USA

**MPC Computers Bowl**  
2:00 pm Monday  
Boise, Idaho  
ESPN WAC vs. ACC

**Motor City Bowl**  
5:30 pm Monday  
Detroit, Mich.  
ESPN MAC vs. Big Ten

**Independence Bowl**  
6:30 pm Tuesday  
Shreveport, La.  
ESPN Big 12 vs. SEC

**Insight Bowl**  
9:30 pm Tuesday  
Phoenix, Ariz.  
ESPN Pac-10 vs. Big East

**Alamo Bowl**  
8:00 pm Wednesday  
San Antonio, Texas  
ESPN Big Ten vs. Big 12

**Silicon Valley Football Classic**  
11:00 pm Wednesday  
San Jose, Calif.  
ESPN2 Pac-10 vs. WAC

**Continental Tire Bowl**  
1:00 pm Thursday  
Charlotte, N.C.  
ESPN ACC vs. Big East

**Houston Bowl**  
3:30 pm Thursday  
Houston, Texas  
ESPN SEC vs. Big 12

**Emerald Bowl**  
4:30 pm Thursday  
San Francisco, Calif.  
ESPN2 MWC vs. Pac-10

**Holiday Bowl**  
8:00 pm Thursday  
San Diego, Calif.  
ESPN Pac-10 vs. Big 12

**Music City Bowl**  
Noon Friday  
Nashville, Tenn.  
ESPN SEC vs. Big Ten

**Sun Bowl**  
2:00 pm Friday  
El Paso, Texas  
CBS Pac-10 vs. Big Ten

**Liberty Bowl**  
3:30 pm Friday  
Memphis, Tenn.  
ESPN C-USA vs. MWC

**Peach Bowl**  
7:30 pm Friday  
Atlanta, Ga.  
ESPN SEC vs. ACC

**Outback Bowl**  
11:00 am Saturday  
Tampa, Fla.  
ESPN SEC vs. Big Ten

**Cotton Bowl**  
11:00 am Saturday  
Dallas, Texas  
FOX Big 12 vs. SEC

**Gator Bowl**  
12:30 pm Saturday  
Jacksonville, Fla.  
NBC ACC vs. Big East

**Capital One Bowl**  
1:00 pm Saturday  
Orlando, Fla.  
ABC SEC vs. Big Ten

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## BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

**Jan. 1 Rose Bowl**

Pasadena, CA

5:00 pm



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**Jan. 1 Fiesta Bowl**

Tempe, AZ

8:30 pm



ABC

**Jan. 3 Sugar Bowl**

New Orleans, LA

8:00 pm



ABC

**Jan. 4 Orange Bowl**

Miami, FL

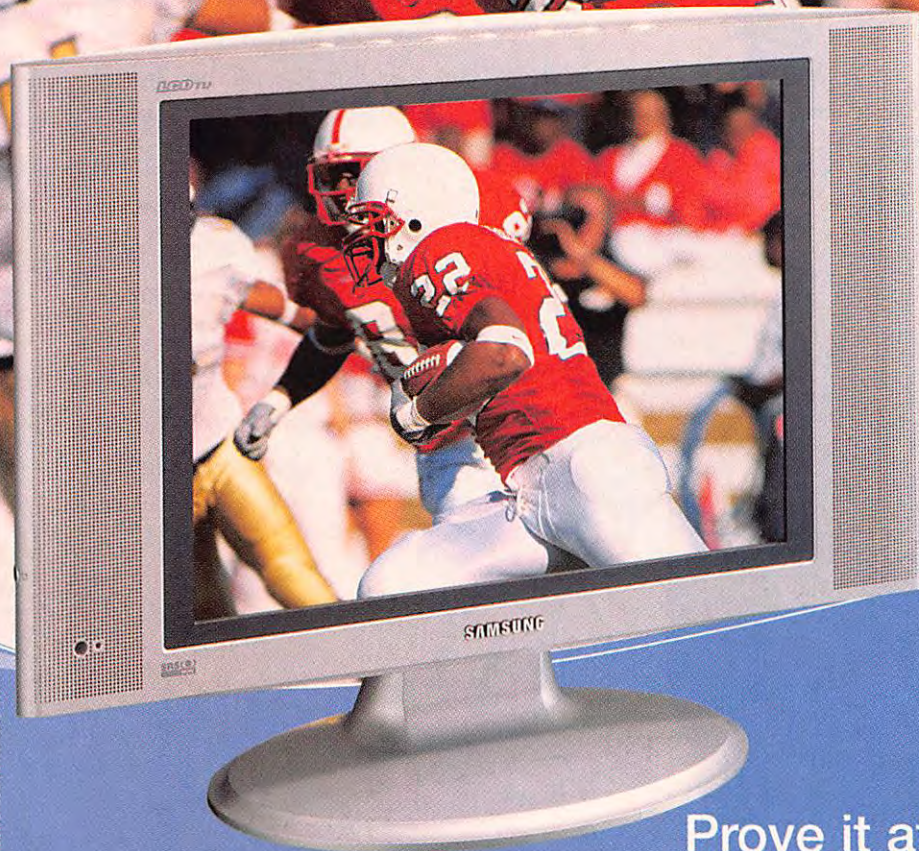
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# Recruiting Report



## Top 100 Freshmen of 2004

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	School	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	School
1. Adrian Peterson	RB	6'2"	210	Palestine, TX	Oklahoma	51. Derrick McPhearson	WR	6'1"	185	Hyattsville, MD	Florida
2. Rhett Bomar	QB	6'4"	205	Grand Prairie, TX	Oklahoma	52. Olu Hall	DL	6'5"	220	Fairfax, VA	Virginia
3. Early Doucet	WR	6'0"	211	Saint Martinville, LA	LSU	53. George Bell	RB	5'11"	225	Fayetteville, NC	Va. Tech
4. Jeff Byers	OL	6'3"	275	Fort Collins, CO	USC	54. Marlon Favorite	DL	6'1"	310	Harvey, LA	LSU
5. Brandon Miller	DL	6'4"	225	Colquitt, GA	Georgia	55. A.J. Bryant	QB	6'2"	185	Fort Valley, GA	Georgia
6. Keith Rivers	LB	6'3"	220	Lake Mary, FL	USC	56. Ja'Kouri Williams	RB	5'11"	185	Plaquemine, LA	Tennessee
7. Xavier Lee	QB	6'4"	200	Daytona Beach, FL	Florida St.	57. Adrian Arrington	WR	6'2"	175	Cedar Rapids, IA	Michigan
8. DeMario Pressley	DL	6'4"	285	Greensboro, NC	NC State	58. Kyle Jackson	DB	6'1"	190	Neptune Beach, FL	Florida
9. Derrick Harvey	DL	6'5"	235	Greenbelt, MD	Florida	59. J.R. Bryant	DB	6'1"	170	Miami, FL	Florida St.
10. Jeff Schweiger	DL	6'4"	250	San Jose, CA	USC	60. Aaron Jones	DL	6'3"	270	Orlando, FL	Florida St.
11. Willie Williams	LB	6'2"	230	Miami, FL	Miami	61. Marque Hall	DL	6'5"	310	Marshville, NC	S. Carolina
12. Calvin Johnson	WR	6'4"	210	Tyrone, GA	Georgia Tech	62. Will Johnson	DL	6'4"	285	Oakland, MI	Michigan
13. Charles Johnson	DL	6'2"	237	Hawkinsville, GA	Georgia	63. Doug Dutch	WR	6'0"	190	Bowie, MD	Michigan
14. Ted Ginn	DB	6'0"	175	Cleveland, OH	Ohio St.	64. Nikita Stover	WR	6'2"	187	Hartselle, AL	Alabama
15. Dan Connor	LB	6'3"	220	Wallingford, PA	Penn St.	65. Andrew Johnson	RB	5'11"	205	Pittsburgh, PA	Miami
16. Glenn Dorsey	DT	6'2"	295	Gonzales, LA	LSU	66. Tim Jamison	DL	6'3"	230	Riverdale, IL	Michigan
17. Anthony Morelli	QB	6'4"	210	Pittsburgh, PA	Penn St.	67. Derrick Jones	WR	6'2"	180	Gardenia, CA	USC
18. Brian Toal	LB	6'2"	230	Ramsey, NJ	Boston Coll.	68. Robert Ayers	LB	6'3"	229	St. Clio, SC	Tennessee
19. Xavier Carter	WR	6'3"	190	Melbourne, FL	LSU	69. Bobby Tatum	DB	6'1"	195	Fort Worth, TX	Texas
20. Fred Davis	WR	6'4"	215	Toledo, OH	USC	70. Peyton Hillis	RB	6'1"	245	Conway, AR	Arkansas
21. Leon Hart	OL	6'5"	290	Columbia, SC	Auburn	71. Lendy Holmes	DB	6'2"	180	Dallas, TX	Oklahoma
22. Cameron Colvin	WR	6'2"	190	Concord, CA	Oregon	72. Drew Weatherford	QB	6'3"	205	Land O' Lakes, FL	Florida St.
23. Chad Henne	QB	6'3"	215	Wyomissing, PA	Michigan	73. Nathan Jones	WR	6'1"	180	Texarkana, TX	Texas
24. Franklin Okam	DL	6'5"	300	Richardson, TX	Texas	74. Chris Patterson	LB	6'3"	225	Chicago, IL	Oklahoma
25. Kyle Williams	LB	6'2"	220	Bolingbrook, IL	Iowa	75. Lydon Murtha	OL	6'8"	315	Hutchinson, MN	Nebraska
26. Demonte Bolden	DL	6'5"	294	Chattanooga, TN	Tennessee	76. Aaron Klovas	OL	6'6"	300	Spanaway, WA	Oregon
27. Charlie Jones	RB	5'11"	200	Homestead, FL	Miami	77. Matt Boss	OL	6'5"	295	Cherryvale, KS	Kansas St.
28. Greg Harrison	OL	6'5"	295	Shenandoah, PA	Penn St.	78. Rory Nicol	TE	6'5"	245	Beaver, PA	Ohio State
29. Andrew Nelson	DB	6'3"	210	Houston, TX	Texas	79. Ryan Miller	OL	6'5"	310	Lake Charles, LA	LSU
30. Zach Miller	TE	6'4"	240	Phoenix, AZ	Arizona St.	80. Kenny O'Neal	WR	6'0"	195	Oakland, CA	Florida St.
31. Alex Fletcher	OL	6'4"	290	Old Brookville, NY	Stanford	81. Lawrence Timmons	LB	6'2"	225	Florence, SC	Florida St.
32. Kirby Freeman	QB	6'3"	190	Brownwood, TX	Miami	82. Chris Smith	DL	6'5"	265	Allen, TX	Texas A&M
33. Robert Reid	QB	6'3"	225	Galena Park, TX	Oklahoma St.	83. D.J. Wolfe	RB	6'0"	195	Lawton, OK	Oklahoma
34. Marcus Walker	DB	5'11"	185	Waco, TX	Oklahoma	84. Lavelle Hawkins	WR	5'11"	175	Stockton, CA	LSU
35. Matt Tuasosopo	QB	6'2"	210	Woodinville, WA	Washington	85. Cornelius Ingram	QB	6'5"	215	Hawthorne, FL	Florida
36. Lance Leggett	WR	6'4"	180	Arlington, TX	Miami	86. Mike Mangold	DL	6'3"	250	Merritt Island, FL	Florida
37. James Bryant	LB	6'3"	240	Reading, PA	Miami	87. Freddie Barnett	DL	6'0"	300	Texarkana, AR	Arkansas
38. Brian Brohm	QB	6'4"	205	Louisville, KY	Louisville	88. Calvin Darity	OL	6'4"	275	Tallahassee, FL	N. Carolina
39. Jamaal Edwards	RB	6'0"	200	Greensboro, NC	Florida St.	89. Stephen McGee	QB	6'2"	205	Burnet, TX	Texas A&M
40. Roland Martin	OL	6'6"	340	Chicago, IL	Michigan St.	90. Michael Bumpus	WR	6'0"	190	Culver City, CA	Wash. St.
41. Bobby Washington	RB	6'0"	200	Miami, FL	Miami	91. Jordan Shipley	WR	6'0"	180	Burnet, TX	Texas
42. Andre Brown	RB	6'1"	210	Greenville, NC	NC State	92. Brigham Harwell	DL	6'2"	250	Hacienda Heights, CA	UCLA
43. Kyle Mitchum	OL	6'6"	275	Erie, PA	Ohio State	93. Willie Glasper	DB	5'11"	180	Concord, CA	Oregon
44. Dwayne Jarrett	WR	6'5"	195	New Brunswick, NJ	USC	94. Greg Hinds	DB	6'1"	205	Southaven, MS	Memphis
45. Cortney Grixby	DB	5'9"	165	Omaha, NE	Nebraska	95. Brett Gallimore	OL	6'6"	305	Parville, MO	Michigan
46. Thomas Brown	RB	5'10"	185	Tucker, GA	Georgia	96. Herman Johnson	OL	6'7"	380	Denton, TX	LSU
47. Thomas Herring	DL	6'6"	315	Los Angeles, CA	USC	97. William Morrissey	DL	6'2"	280	Silsbee, TX	Texas A&M
48. Dwayne Hendricks	DL	6'4"	245	Millville, NJ	Miami	98. Dwayne Jones	RB	6'1"	230	Lakewood, NJ	Rutgers
49. Phillip Mbakogu	DL	6'2"	260	Hayward, CA	California	99. Josh Johnson	LB	6'2"	225	Stone Mountain, GA	Georgia
50. Calais Campbell	DL	6'7"	230	Denver, CO	Miami	100. Raymond Williams	RB	6'0"	180	Cleveland, OH	W. Virginia



## Top 50 Recruiting Classes

1. USC
2. LSU
3. Miami
4. Florida State
5. Georgia
6. Florida
7. Michigan
8. Oklahoma
9. Ohio State
10. Tennessee
11. Texas
12. Texas A&M
13. Oregon
14. Alabama
15. Penn State
16. Kansas State
17. Maryland
18. Michigan State
19. Auburn
20. Purdue
21. Washington
22. Boston College
23. Washington State
24. Arkansas
25. Nebraska
26. NC State
27. California
28. Oregon State
29. Arizona State
30. Ole Miss
31. Notre Dame
32. Missouri
33. UCLA
34. South Carolina
35. Oklahoma State
36. Iowa
37. North Carolina
38. Texas Tech
39. Virginia Tech
40. Virginia
41. Wisconsin
42. Arizona
43. South Florida
44. Iowa State
45. Pittsburgh
46. Kentucky
47. Colorado
48. Illinois
49. West Virginia
50. San Diego State

## ACC Rankings

1. Miami
2. Florida State
3. Maryland
4. NC State
5. North Carolina
6. Virginia Tech
7. Virginia
8. Georgia Tech
9. Clemson
10. Duke
11. Wake Forest

## Big East Rankings

1. Boston College
2. Pittsburgh
3. West Virginia
4. Syracuse
5. Rutgers
6. Temple
7. Connecticut

## Big Ten Rankings

1. Michigan
2. Ohio State
3. Penn State
4. Mich. State
5. Purdue
6. Iowa
7. Wisconsin
8. Illinois
9. Indiana
10. Minnesota
11. Northwestern

## Big 12 Rankings

1. Oklahoma
2. Texas
3. Texas A&M
4. Kansas State
5. Nebraska
6. Missouri
7. Okla. State
8. Texas Tech
9. Iowa State
10. Colorado
11. Kansas
12. Baylor

1. Xavier Lee	QB	6'3"	210	Daytona Beach, FL	Florida State
2. Demario Pressley	DL	6'4"	290	Greensboro, NC	NC State
3. Willie Williams	LB	6'2"	230	Miami, FL	Miami
4. Calvin Johnson	WR	6'4"	215	Tyrone, GA	Georgia Tech
5. Charlie Jones	RB	5'11"	200	Miami, FL	Miami
6. Kirby Freeman	QB	6'2"	190	Brownwood, TX	Miami
7. Lance Leggett	WR	6'3"	180	Arlington, TX	Miami
8. James Bryant	LB	6'3"	240	Reading, PA	Miami
9. Jamaal Edwards	RB	6'0"	200	Greensboro, NC	Florida State
10. Bobby Washington	RB	6'0"	200	Miami, FL	Miami
11. Andre Brown	RB	6'2"	200	Greenville, NC	NC State
12. Dwayne Hendricks	DL	6'4"	245	Millville, NJ	Miami
13. Calais Campbell	DL	6'8"	235	Denver, CO	Miami
14. Olu Hall	LB	6'4"	220	Fairfax, VA	Virginia
15. George Bell	RB	5'11"	225	Fayetteville, NC	Virginia Tech
16. JR Bryant	DB	6'0"	165	Miami, FL	Florida State
17. Aaron Jones	DL	6'2"	275	Orlando, FL	Florida State
18. Andrew Johnson	RB	5'11"	195	Pittsburgh, PA	Miami
19. Drew Weatherford	QB	6'2"	195	Land O' Lakes, FL	Florida State
20. Kenny O'Neal	WR	6'0"	210	Oakland, CA	Florida State

1. Brian Toal	LB	6'2"	230	Ramsey, NJ	Boston College
2. Dwayne Jones	RB	6'1"	235	Lakewood, NJ	Rutgers
3. Raymond Williams	RB	5'11"	185	Cleveland, OH	West Virginia
4. Brandon Barrett	WR	6'0"	180	Martinsville, WV	West Virginia
5. Brandon Robinson	WR	6'0"	190	Minneapolis, MN	Boston College
6. Vernon Smith	LB	6'0"	235	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Pittsburgh
7. Curtis Brinkley	RB	5'9"	180	Philadelphia, PA	Syracuse
8. Keith Willis	RB	6'1"	245	Stoughton, MA	Boston College
9. Tyler Benoit	RB	6'1"	195	Broussard, LA	West Virginia
10. Chris Crane	QB	6'5"	225	Mechanicsburg, PA	Boston College
11. Corey Davis	DL	6'1"	300	Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh
12. Chenry Lewis	DE	6'3"	210	Patterson, NJ	Rutgers
13. Craig Bokor	DL	6'3"	270	Aliquippa, PA	Pittsburgh
14. Marquise Liverpool	DB	5'10"	180	Teaneck, NJ	Boston College
15. Terry Willette	DL	6'5"	240	Mansfield, MA	Boston College
16. John Bradshaw	OL	6'5"	300	Fredericksburg, VA	West Virginia
17. Anthony Miller	WR	6'0"	170	Edison, NJ	Rutgers
18. Adam Gunn	DB	6'1"	200	Vandergrift, PA	Pittsburgh
19. Donte Woodyard	LB	6'4"	220	District Heights, MD	Syracuse
20. Scott McKillop	LB	6'2"	220	Export, PA	Pittsburgh

1. Teddy Ginn	DB	6'0"	175	Cleveland, OH	Ohio State
2. Dan Conner	LB	6'3"	220	Wallingford, PA	Penn State
3. Anthony Morelli	QB	6'4"	210	Pittsburgh, PA	Penn State
4. Chad Henne	QB	6'3"	215	Wyomissing, PA	Michigan
5. Kyle Williams	LB	6'2"	220	Bolingbrook, IL	Iowa
6. Greg Harrison	OL	6'5"	295	Shenandoah, PA	Penn State
7. Roland Martin	OL	6'6"	340	Chicago, IL	Michigan State
8. Kyle Mitchum	OL	6'6"	275	Erie, PA	Ohio State
9. Adrian Arrington	WR	6'2"	175	Cedar Rapids, IA	Michigan
10. Will Johnson	DL	6'4"	285	Oakland, MI	Michigan
11. Doug Dutch	WR	6'0"	190	Bowie, MD	Michigan
12. Tim Jamison	DL	6'3"	230	Riverdale, IL	Michigan
13. Rory Nicol	TE	6'5"	250	Beaver, PA	Ohio State
14. Brett Gallimore	OL	6'6"	605	Parville, MO	Michigan
15. Marcus Freeman	LB	6'3"	240	Huber Heights, OH	Ohio State
16. Mike Massey	TE	6'4"	216	Brecksville, OH	Michigan
17. A.Q. Shipley	DL	6'2"	275	Coraopolis, PA	Penn State
18. Will Johnson	DL	6'4"	285	Oakland, MI	Michigan
19. Albert Dukes	WR	6'1"	180	Belle Glade, FL	Ohio State
20. Sam Carson	LB	6'2"	225	Downers Grove, IL	Illinois

1. Adrian Peterson	RB	6'2"	210	Palestine, TX	Oklahoma
2. Rhett Bomar	QB	6'4"	205	Grand Prairie, TX	Oklahoma
3. Franklin Okam	DL	6'5"	300	Dallas, TX	Texas
4. Andrew Kelson	DB	6'3"	210	Houston, TX	Texas
5. Robert Reid	QB	6'3"	225	Galena Park, TX	Oklahoma State
6. Marcus Walker	DB	5'11"	185	Waco, TX	Oklahoma
7. Cortney Grixby	DB	5'9"	165	Omaha, NE	Nebraska
8. Bobby Tatum	DB	6'1"	190	Fort Worth, TX	Texas
9. Lendy Holmes	WR	6'2"	180	Dallas, TX	Oklahoma
10. Nathan Jones	WR	6'1"	180	Texarkana, TX	Texas
11. Chris Patterson	LB	6'3"	220	Chicago, IL	Oklahoma
12. Lydon Murtha	OL	6'8"	315	Hutchinson, MN	Nebraska
13. Matt Boss	OL	6'5"	310	Cherryvale, KS	Kansas State
14. Chris Smith	DL	6'5"	265	Allen, TX	Texas A&M
15. D.J. Wolfe	RB	6'0"	185	Lawton, OK	Oklahoma
16. Stephen McGee	QB	6'2"	205	Burnet, TX	Texas A&M
17. Jordan Shipley	WR	6'0"	180	Burnet, TX	Texas
18. William Morrissey	DL	6'2"	280	Silsbee, TX	Texas A&M
19. Cedric Dockery	OL	6'4"	325	Garland, TX	Texas
20. Chase Patton	QB	6'4"	210	Columbia, MO	Missouri



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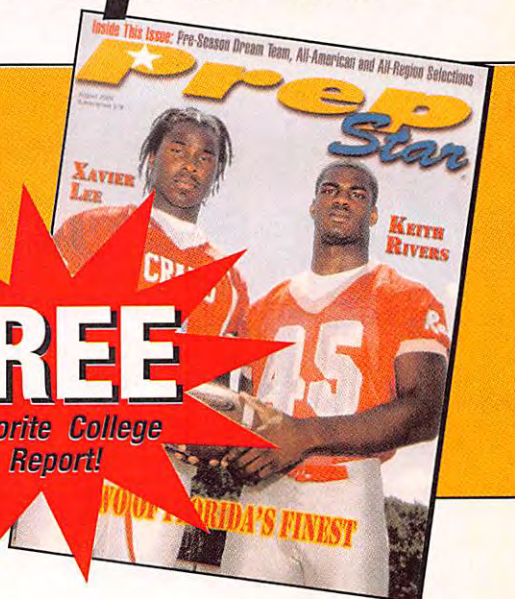
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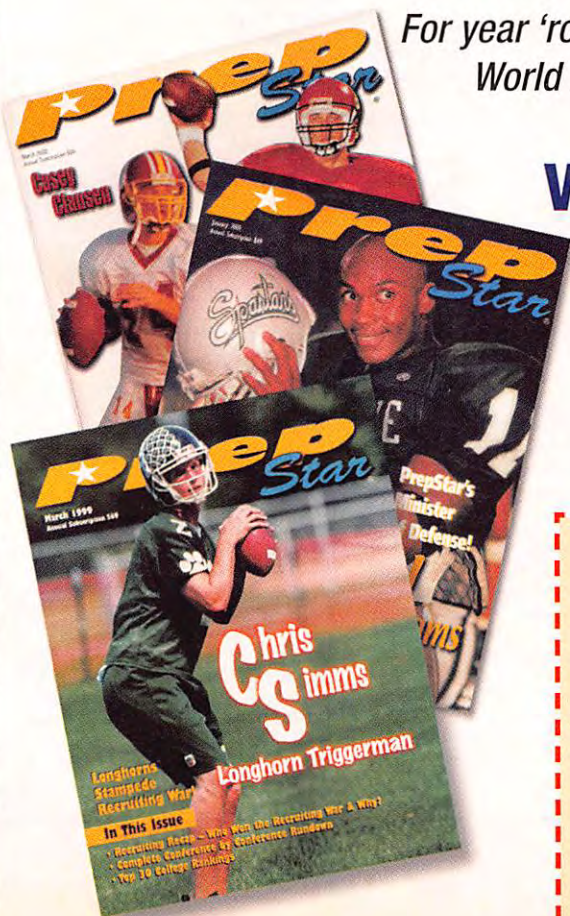
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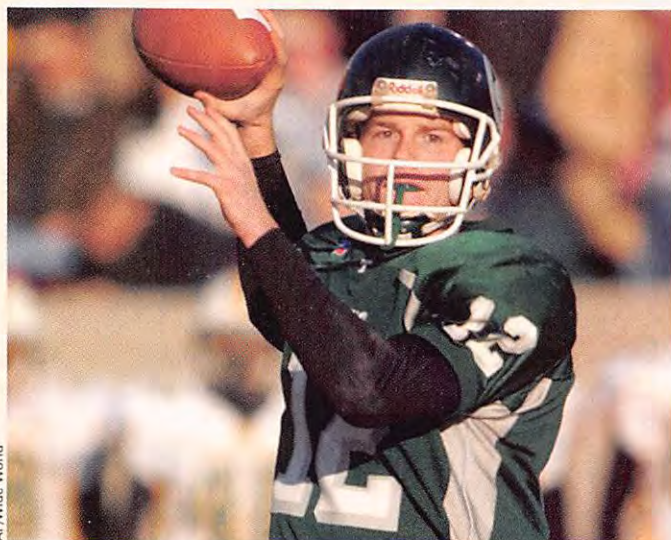
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## MAC Rankings

1. Anthony Turner	QB 6'2" 218	Dayton, OH	Bowling Green
2. Kyle Israel	QB 6'3" 230	Orlando, FL	UCF
3. Britt Davis	QB 6'4" 188	Broadview, IL	Northern Illinois
4. Alex Engram	QB 5'11" 205	Warren, OH	Western Michigan
5. Gabe Hatchett	WR 6'3" 195	Minden, NV	Toledo
6. DeMarko Hughes	DT 6'4" 295	Detroit, MI	Eastern Michigan
7. Jermaine Filer	WR 6'3" 190	Clearwater, FL	Marshall
8. Trumaine Smith	WR 6'3" 180	Warrensburg Height, OH	Toledo
9. Marcus Fitzgerald	RB 5'10" 195	Minneapolis, MN	Marshall
10. Alfred Martin	DT 6'5" 255	South Euclid, OH	Toledo
11. Ryan Tuggle	TE 6'4" 255	Bartlett, IL	Northern Illinois
12. Jimmy Calhoun	RB 6'0" 195	Middletown, OH	Miami
13. Keith Shologan	DT 6'2" 275	Edmonton, Alberta	UCF
14. Jared Elliott	QB 6'5" 210	Franklin, TN	Miami
15. Mark Bonds	RB 5'10" 220	Indianapolis, IN	Western Michigan
16. Shawn Donaldson	OL 6'5" 270	Dover, OH	Kent State
17. Matt Parkhurst	TE 6'3" 245	Philadelphia, PA	Marshall
18. Jalen Parmele	RB 6'0" 210	Midland, MI	Toledo
19. Diyral Briggs	DE 6'4" 200	Mt. Healthy, OH	Bowling Green
20. Adell Givens	RB 5'11" 185	Hamilton, OH	Ball State

1. Toledo	6. Western Michigan	11. Ball State
2. Marshall	7. Central Michigan	12. Eastern Michigan
3. Bowling Green	8. Ohio	13. Kent State
4. Miami	9. UCF	14. Buffalo
5. Northern Illinois	10. Akron	

## Pac-10 Rankings

1. Jeff Byers	OL 6'3" 275	Fort Collins, CO	USC
2. Keith Rivers	LB 6'3" 220	Lake Mary, FL	USC
3. Jeff Schweiger	DL 6'4" 250	San Jose, CA	USC
4. Fred Davis	WR 6'4" 215	Toledo, OH	USC
5. Cameron Colvin	WR 6'2" 190	Concord, CA	Oregon
6. Zach Miller	TE 6'4" 240	Phoenix, AZ	Arizona State
7. Alex Fletcher	OL 6'4" 290	Old Brookville, NY	Stanford
8. Matt Tuiaosopo	QB 6'2" 210	Woodinville, WA	Washington
9. Dwayne Jarrett	WR 6'5" 195	New Brunswick, NJ	USC
10. Thomas Herring	DL 6'6" 315	Los Angeles, CA	USC
11. Phillip Mbakogu	DL 6'2" 260	Hayward, CA	California
12. Derrick Jones	WR 6'2" 180	Gardenia, CA	USC
13. Aaron Klovas	OL 6'6" 300	Spanaway, WA	Oregon
14. Michael Bumpus	WR 6'0" 190	Culver City, CA	Washington State
15. Brigham Harwell	DL 6'2" 250	Hacienda Heights, CA	UCLA
16. Willie Glasper	DB 5'11" 180	Concord, CA	Oregon
17. Marshwan Lynch	RB 5'11" 200	Oakland, CA	California
18. Dale Thompson	TE 6'4" 255	Corona, CA	USC
19. Randy Estes	DB 6'2" 200	Los Alamitos, CA	Washington State
20. Andrew Roof	OL 6'4" 310	Spokane, WA	Washington State

1. USC	5. Washington State	9. Arizona
2. Oregon	6. Oregon State	10. Stanford
3. Washington	7. Arizona State	
4. California	8. UCLA	

## Conference USA Rankings

1. Brian Brohm	QB 6'4" 205	Louisville, KY	Louisville
2. Greg Hinds	DB 6'2" 205	Southaven, MS	Memphis
3. Ivory Williams	WR 5'9" 165	Beaumont, TX	Houston
4. Joseph Doss	RB 5'10" 170	Memphis, TN	Memphis
5. Brouce Mompremier	LB 6'0" 210	Dade City, FL	South Florida
6. Travis Clark	QB 6'2" 220	Lincolnton, GA	Southern Miss
7. Jacob Griffin	OL 6'4" 285	Seffner, FL	South Florida
8. Jarriette Buie	DL 6'3" 230	Seffner, FL	South Florida
9. Scott Elliott	QB 6'1" 175	Bay City, TX	Tulane
10. C.J. Barrows	RB 6'3" 205	Powder Springs, GA	Southern Miss
11. Gabe Ratcliff	TE 6'3" 230	Houston, TX	Tulane
12. Shae Reagan	QB 6'3" 230	Idalou, TX	TCU
13. Andre Copeland	RB 5'9" 190	Lake City, FL	South Florida
14. Otis McDaniel	WR 6'1" 175	San Antonio, TX	TCU
15. Frank Morton	DL 6'3" 285	Decatur, GA	Tulane
16. Richard Clebert	DL 6'1" 275	Miami, FL	South Florida
17. Ryan Johnson	DL 6'5" 240	Dallas, TX	Tulane
18. Tyjuan Jones	DB 6'1" 205	Trotwood, OH	Cincinnati
19. Terrance Jones	RB 5'10" 175	Sarasota, FL	South Florida
20. John Peyton	WR 6'5" 195	Dade City, FL	South Florida

1. South Florida	5. Houston	9. Cincinnati
2. TCU	6. Louisville	10. UAB
3. Memphis	7. Southern Miss	11. Army
4. Tulane	8. East Carolina	

## Mountain West Rankings

1. Lance Louis	TE 6'3" 250	New Orleans, LA	San Diego State
2. Patrick Gates	RB 5'9" 180	San Diego, CA	San Diego State
3. Tommie Hill	DL 6'6" 210	Littleton, CO	Colorado State
4. Jamaal Floyd	RB 5'10" 185	Claremont, CA	Colorado State
5. Jacob Bower	QB 6'4" 220	Meridian, ID	BYU
6. Randy Faletoi	DL 6'2" 290	Honolulu, HI	Utah
7. Ray Feinga	OL 6'5" 285	West Valley, UT	BYU
8. Andrew Schantz	LB 6'0" 210	Santa Clara, CA	San Diego State
9. Darren Mougey	QB 6'5" 220	Scottsdale, AZ	San Diego State
10. Jeff Brown	DB 6'2" 185	Harbor City, CA	UNLV
11. Russell Allen	LB 6'3" 195	Oceanside, CA	San Diego State
12. Caleb Hanie	QB 6'2" 230	Forney, TX	Colorado State
13. Damon Morton	WR 5'11" 175	Riverside, CA	Colorado State
14. Eric Rouser	OL 6'7" 240	Camarillo, CA	San Diego State
15. Anthony Celestine	WR 5'10" 170	Ridgecrest, CA	Colorado State
16. Keenan Jones	DB 5'11" 190	Harbor City, CA	San Diego State
17. John Peel	WR 6'2" 185	Scottsdale, AZ	Utah
18. Stinson Dean	QB 6'2" 215	Blue Springs, MO	Wyoming
19. Adarrious Ross	DB 5'10" 170	Culver City, CA	Utah
20. Chris Sundberg	TE 6'5" 215	Columbus, MT	Wyoming

1. San Diego State	4. Colorado State	7. New Mexico
2. Utah	5. UNLV	8. Air Force
3. BYU	6. Wyoming	

## SEC Rankings

1. Early Doucet	WR 6'0" 211	Saint Martinville, LA	LSU
2. Brandon Miller	DL 6'4" 225	Colquitt, GA	Georgia
3. Derrick Harvey	DL 6'5" 235	Greenbelt, MD	Florida
4. Charles Johnson	DL 6'2" 237	Hawkinsville, GA	Georgia
5. Glenn Dorsey	DL 6'2" 295	Gonzales, LA	LSU
6. Xavier Carter	WR 6'3" 190	Melbourne, FL	LSU
7. Leon Hart	OL 6'5" 290	Columbia, SC	Auburn
8. Demonte Bolden	OL 6'5" 294	Chattanooga, TN	Tennessee
9. Thomas Brown	RB 5'10" 185	Tucker, GA	Georgia
10. Derrick McPhearson	WR 6'1" 185	Hyattsville, MD	Florida
11. Marlon Favorite	DL 6'1" 310	Harvey, LA	LSU
12. A.J. Bryant	WR 6'2" 185	Fort Valley, GA	Georgia
13. Ja'Kouri Williams	RB 5'11" 185	Plaquemine, LA	Tennessee
14. Kyle Jackson	DB 6'1" 190	Neptune Beach, FL	Florida
15. Marque Hall	DL 6'5" 310	Marshville, NC	South Carolina
16. Nikita Stover	WR 6'2" 187	Hartselle, AL	Alabama
17. Robert Ayers	LB 6'3" 229	St. Clio, SC	Tennessee
18. Peyton Hillis	RB 6'1" 245	Conway, AR	Arkansas
19. Ryan Miller	OL 6'5" 310	Lake Charles, LA	LSU
20. Lavelle Hawkins	WR 5'11" 175	Stockton, CA	LSU

1. LSU	5. Alabama	9. South Carolina
2. Georgia	6. Auburn	10. Kentucky
3. Florida	7. Arkansas	11. Vanderbilt
4. Tennessee	8. Ole Miss	12. Mississippi State



## Sun Belt Rankings

1. Christopher Forbes	DB	5'11"	185	Miami, FL	Utah State
2. Justin Soi	TE	6'4"	240	Provo, UT	Utah State
3. D.T. McDowell	QB	6'0"	185	Tucker, GA	Troy State
4. James Lewis	WR	6'0"	200	Venice, CA	Utah State
5. Michael Jones	OL	6'4"	305	Houston, TX	Utah State
6. Roy Covington	WR	6'1"	175	Dallas, TX	North Texas
7. Kenny Cattouse	RB	5'11"	195	Keyport, NJ	Troy State
8. Phil Poloa	RB	5'10"	200	Sandy, UT	Utah State
9. Jonathan Presley	DL	6'4"	240	Jacksonville, FL	Middle Tennessee
10. Leodis McKelvin	CB	6'0"	170	Waycross, GA	Troy State
11. Kevin Wright	DL	6'3"	250	Fort Bend, TX	North Texas
12. Jamario Thomas	RB	5'10"	205	Longview, TX	North Texas
13. Lonnie Clemons	DB	6'2"	200	Milledgeville, GA	Middle Tennessee
14. Colt Mahan	LB	6'1"	210	Keller, TX	North Texas
15. Thomas Pratt	RB	5'10"	195	Coppell, TX	North Texas
16. Jeremiah Chapman	DL	6'2"	225	China Springs, TX	North Texas
17. Carlos Dixon	RB	5'11"	200	Germantown, TN	Middle Tennessee
18. Brian Flagg	LB	6'4"	235	Ripley, TN	Arkansas State
19. Matt Mandich	OL	6'4"	270	Hattiesburg, MS	Arkansas State
20. Edgar Givens	DB	6'4"	190	New Madrid, MO	Arkansas State

## WAC Rankings

1. Andrew Pearman	RB	5'9"	175	Charlotte, NC	Hawaii
2. Vincent Chase	TE	6'5"	250	Irving, TX	SMU
3. Damahco Ousley	WR	6'1"	190	Tulsa, OK	Tulsa
4. Tyvenskie Page	DB	6'2"	210	Dallas, TX	Tulsa
5. Randy Duncan	DB	6'2"	173	Mesquite, TX	Tulsa
6. Jessie Henderson	RB	5'8"	170	Paris, TX	SMU
7. Andrew McKinney	RB	6'4"	235	Decatur, TX	SMU
8. Curtis Williams	DB	6'0"	170	Arlington, TX	Tulsa
9. Jonathan Penelton	DB	6'0"	204	Dallas, TX	Tulsa
10. Tyler Ribitzki	OL	6'6"	285	Burleson, TX	UTEP
11. Jonathan Carroll	RB	5'10"	170	Houston, TX	Rice
12. Ben Galbraith	QB	6'4"	215	Colfax, CA	Nevada
13. Ben Harris	OL	6'4"	270	Baton Rouge, LA	Louisiana Tech
14. Freddie Franklin	RB	6'0"	190	New Orleans, LA	Louisiana Tech
15. Keala Watson	DL	6'4"	310	Nanakuli, HI	Hawaii
16. Marty Tadman	DB	5'11"	175	Mission Viejo, CA	Boise State
17. Ryan McKinley	LB	6'2"	220	Reno, NV	Fresno State
18. Kevin Ciccone	WR	5'11"	175	Stevenson Ranch, CA	Fresno State
19. Lawrence Wilson	DL	6'1"	300	Honolulu, HI	Hawaii
20. Luke Juist	K	6'1"	190	Houston, TX	Rice

1. Utah State	4. Troy State	7. UL Lafayette
2. North Texas	5. Idaho	8. UL Monroe
3. Middle Tennessee	6. Arkansas State	9. New Mexico State

1. Tulsa	5. Hawaii	9. Rice
2. SMU	6. San Jose State	10. UTEP
3. Boise State	7. Nevada	
4. Louisiana Tech	8. Fresno State	

## Top High School Seniors

### Quarterbacks

Ryan Perrilloux	6'3"	210	Reserve, LA
Kyle Reed	6'2"	190	Oakland, CA
Carlton Hill	6'4"	220	Monticello, FL
Zach Asack	6'3"	190	Westwood, MA
Jonathan Crompton	6'4"	220	Waynesville, NC
Drew Willy	6'5"	220	Randolph, NJ
Ike Whitaker	6'4"	210	Germantown, MD
Brian Babin	6'3"	215	Gonzales, LA
Rudi Gastinell	6'2"	185	New Orleans, LA
Rob Schoenhof	6'5"	225	Cincinnati, OH
Matt Harris	6'3"	200	Desoto, TX
Greg Paulus	6'2"	190	Manlius, NY
Osaar Rasshan	6'4"	220	Pomona, CA
Gene Delle Donne	6'5"	230	Wilmington, DE
Bill Stull	6'4"	200	Pittsburgh, PA
Josh Portis	6'4"	200	Woodland Hills, CA
Antonio Bass	6'2"	200	Jackson, MI
Brice Beck	6'3"	225	Blytheville, AR
Marcel Jones	6'3"	200	Shakopee, MN
Eric Ward	6'2"	190	Decatur, GA

### Running Backs

Jason Gwaltney	6'2"	220	Long Island, NY
Toney Baker	5'11"	225	Jamestown, NC
Terry Longbons	5'11"	210	Peoria, AZ
Shane Brooks	6'0"	220	Duquesne, PA
Paul O'Hara	5'11"	210	Cross City, FL
RJ Jackson	6'0"	200	Houston, TX
Quentin Taylor	6'1"	210	Apopka, FL
Antonio Robinson	6'2"	195	Winnfield, LA
Kevin Gandy	5'11"	230	East Grand Rapids, MI
Leon Jackson	6'3"	210	Pasco, WA
Rashard Mendenhall	5'11"	195	Skokie, IL
Jonathan Stewart	5'10"	215	Olympia, WA
Elan Lewis	5'10"	210	Hampton, VA
Shaun DeWitty	6'2"	200	Colorado Springs, CO
Corey Robertson	6'0"	210	Denison, TX
LaMarcus Coker	5'10"	185	Antioch, TN
Zach Arnett	6'1"	200	Albuquerque, NM
Justin King	5'11"	180	Pittsburgh, PA
Andre Watson	5'10"	180	Ocean Springs, CA
Javorski Lane	6'1"	240	Lufkin, TX

### Wide Receivers/Tight Ends

Shayne Magee	6'3"	180	Bogalusa, LA
Josh Briscoe	6'3"	185	Lawndale, NC
Malcolm Kelly	6'4"	200	Longview, TX
Eric Higgins	6'3"	200	Conway, SC
Derrick Williams	6'1"	190	Greenbelt, MD
James Gilmore	6'2"	190	Columbus, OH
Anthony Johnson	5'10"	185	Jackson, MS

### Wide Receivers/Tight Ends, con't.

Mario Manningham	6'0"	180	Warren, OH
Howard Morrow	6'0"	180	Keller, TX
DeSean Jackson	6'0"	175	Long Beach, CA
Fred Rouse	6'4"	190	Tallahassee, FL
Nyan Boateng	6'3"	190	Brooklyn, NY
Nick Kyles	6'2"	190	Milledgeville, GA
Greg Orton	6'4"	200	Huber Heights, OH
James Dray	6'4"	235	Oradell, NJ
Chase Coffman	6'6"	230	Peculiar, MO
Dajleon Farr	6'6"	210	Galena Park, TX
Jonathan Hannah	6'5"	270	Hope Mills, NC
Kevin Small	6'4"	230	Escondido, CA
Zach Potter	6'7"	250	Omaha, NE

### Offensive Linemen

Kevin Wiggins	6'7"	330	Washington, DC
Reginald Youngblood	6'6"	290	Houston, TX
Joe Akers	6'3"	315	Parkton, MD
Marlon Davis	6'5"	300	Columbus, GA
Justin Schifano	6'4"	305	Webster, NY
Marques Slocum	6'6"	330	Philadelphia, PA
Alex Boone	6'8"	310	Lakewood, OH
Kevin Mathews	6'3"	300	Fort Bend, TX
Craig Roark	6'3"	295	Ada, OK
Eugene Monroe	6'6"	320	Plainfield, NJ
Kurt Mattes	6'6"	270	Plymouth, PA
Josh McNeil	6'4"	280	Collins, MS
Troy Phan	6'5"	310	Monroe, LA
Chris Barney	6'5"	305	Miami, FL
Chris Scott	6'5"	300	Lovejoy, GA
Jason Kacinko	6'6"	310	Harrison City, PA
Dan Doering	6'7"	300	Barrington, IL
Andy Kemp	6'6"	325	Menasha, WI
DJ Lacey	6'5"	325	Raymond, MS
Aleksey Lanis	6'6"	320	Los Angeles, CA

### Defensive Linemen

Doug Worthington	6'7"	260	Athol Springs, NY
Aaron Lewis	6'4"	265	Albuquerque, NM
Matt Reynolds	6'5"	275	Provo, UT
Justin Mincey	6'6"	250	Folkston, GA
Callahan Bright	6'3"	330	Bryn Mawr, PA
Al Jones	6'3"	255	New Orleans, LA
DeMarcus Granger	6'2"	330	Dallas, TX
Kade Weston	6'6"	310	Red Bank, NJ
Will Powers	6'4"	240	San Mateo, CA
Kyle Moore	6'7"	255	Warner Robins, GA
JB Paxton	6'3"	265	Greenwood, IN
Marcus Shavers	6'3"	230	Allen, TX
James McKinney	6'4"	255	Louisville, KY
Terrance Taylor	6'1"	285	Muskegon, MI

### Defensive Linemen, con't.

Lyle Hitt	6'3"	280	Baton Rouge, LA
Jarrell Powe	6'3"	325	Waynesboro, MS
Ekem Ufodia	6'2"	290	Scottsdale, AZ
Averell Spicer	6'2"	270	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
John Jerry	6'6"	315	Batesville, MS
Walker Ashley	6'5"	290	Eden Prairie, MN

### Linebackers

Ryan Reynolds	6'2"	220	Las Vegas, NV
Luther Brown	6'3"	230	Lakewood, CA
Charles Gamble	6'3"	225	Durham, NC
Chris Collins	6'1"	235	Texarkana, TX
Rey MauaLuga	6'2"	240	Eureka, CA
Chris Jeske	6'2"	240	Joliet, IL
Derek Nicholson	6'3"	230	Winston Salem, NC
Robert Russell	6'2"	220	New Orleans, LA
Rico McCoy	6'2"	215	Washington, DC
Pat Angerer	6'2"	210	Bettendorf, IA
Spencer Adkins	6'1"	225	Naples, FL
Jerome Hayes	6'2"	230	Bayonne, NJ
George Hypolite	6'3"	245	Los Angeles, CA
Brian Cushing	6'3"	225	Oradell, NJ
Travis Beckum	6'5"	230	Oak Creek, WI
Jonathan Anderson	6'1"	230	Ocean Springs, MS
Deveon Simmons	6'1"	215	Virginia Beach, VA
Scooter Berry	6'3"	245	Long Island, NY
Andre Mathis	6'2"	230	Erie, PA
Todd Cox	6'1"	200	Memphis, TN

### Defensive Backs

Syd Thompson	5'11"	175	Sacramento, CA
Will Harris	6'1"	185	West Covina, CA
Reggie Smith	6'1"	190	Edmond, OK
Chris Hawkins	6'1"	185	Walker, LA
Keenan Clayton	6'2"	205	Sulphur Springs, TX
Micheal Ray Garvin	5'8"	180	Ramsey, NJ
Kenneth Phillips	6'3"	200	Miami, FL
Jamario O'Neal	6'1"	180	Cleveland, OH
Brandon Harrison	5'10"	190	Dayton, OH
Leon Jackson	6'2"	190	Pasco, WA
C.J. Byrd	6'3"	195	North Augusta, SC
Clarence Ward	6'2"	195	La Marque, TX
Felix Jones	5'11"	200	Tulsa, OK
Bryant Evans	6'0"	180	Jacksonville, FL
Victor Harris	6'0"	190	Highland Springs, VA
Adam Myers-White	6'3"	190	Hamilton, OH
Jayson White	6'1"	215	Erie, PA
Chris Keys	6'2"	210	Port Barre, PA
Demetrius Morley	6'1"	185	Miami, FL
Corderra Hunter	6'1"	185	Longview, TX





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**I**n a perfect world, there would be some events in life that you'd like to arrive at just in the nick of time. Who really wants to get to the airport an hour early? Who enjoys perusing old magazines (even if they're *Athlon!*) in the waiting room at the doctor's office? Do you really like getting to the movies so early that you finish your popcorn before the previews are over? In the perfect world, in any of these situations you'd show up about a minute early and get down to business.

In that same ideal world, however, there would be some events that you'd gladly show up for hours, even days, ahead of time. Things like bachelor parties. Free money giveaways. And college football games. Whether your favorite team

is a national championship contender or a perennial doormat, whether you're a sophomore yet to declare a major or a senior citizen who still remembers the words to the alma mater, a good tailgate party is one part of the college football experience just about everyone can relate to — and thoroughly enjoy.

The good news is, this ideal world already exists in college towns from New Jersey to New Mexico. Here, spread out for your enjoyment like a pregame buffet, are some of the top college tailgating sites in the country, as determined by a very unscientific survey. We were going to do a much more thorough poll to determine the winners but the scent of bratwurst and deviled eggs distracted us. Maybe next year.

## CAL

When one thinks about the different brands of tailgating, on the one hand you've got the beer-hot dogs-cement parking lot-plastic folding chair imagery, and on the other, the wine and cheese-idyllic campus setting-canvas director's chair thing. At Cal, the scene clearly more resembles the latter, with a one-of-a-kind twist: On clear days, Cal tailgaters party with a view of the San Francisco Bay. What could be better than a crisp fall day in Berkeley with a bottle of Napa Valley's finest? Two bottles?

## LSU

From the upper crust at Berkeley to the soak-up-the-juice-with-the-crust ambience of Baton Rouge, La. A T-shirt often spotted in the bayou reads "Baton Rouge: A drinking town with a football problem." Tiger Stadium is often cited as one of the toughest places to play in America, especially when the game is played at night. The reason why, often left unsaid because it's patently obvious, is that by the time the sun sets, Tiger fans have spent the entire day doing their best to shed their already thin inhibitions. Stroll through the parking lots outside Death Valley on a game day and get a whiff of the steaming pots of gumbo and jambalaya, then look and see if you can spot anybody actually eating between sips of their favorite libations. Throw in a national championship, and the party has suddenly turned even more festive — if that's possible — down on the bayou.

## PENN STATE

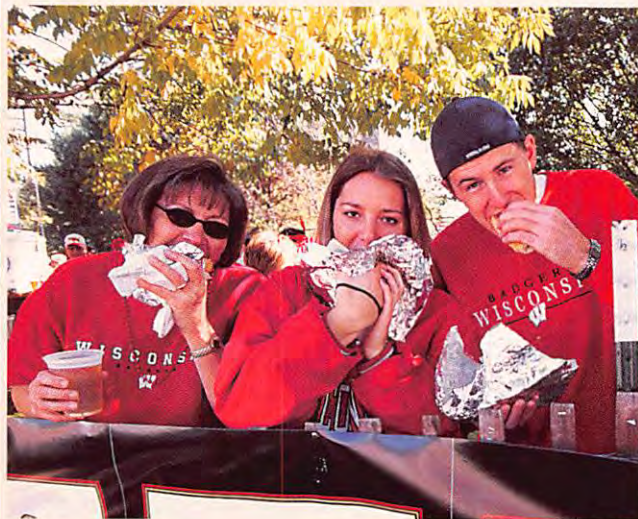
LSU has its Death Valley and Penn State has Happy Valley, but whether the valley is morbid or giddy, the fans in both locales know how to party. Penn State fans are known for creating a blue and white RV city outside Beaver Stadium well before Saturday. Student organizations also join in the fun, especially other Nittany Lion athletic teams. By season's end, alumni and students have formed bonds that last lifetimes — all thanks to a grill, a vehicle, and a little potato salad. Wonder if Joe Pa will join in the fun when his coaching days are done?

## VIRGINIA TECH

Frank Beamer's winning ways have turned Blacksburg into quite a happening town come autumn. And not just on Saturdays. Tailgating here starts on the Tuesday prior to the game and lasts through early Sunday morning, stretching from the stadium parking lots to the streets of usually charming downtown Blacksburg. Here, young undergrads mix it up with fired-up alumni in small bars that serve cheap drinks.

## WISCONSIN

Wisconsin is primarily known for producing three important foodstuffs: beer, cheese, and bratwurst. Little surprise then, that the tailgating is pretty good at the ol' state university in Madison. Throw in a student body renowned for its ability to party, a fan base so fervent it's nationally known for how well it travels (so tailgating before a home game is a piece of cake), some outstanding professional role models in the form of Packers and Brewers fans, and an 87-year old stadium in Camp Randall, and you've pretty much got tailgating nirvana in Madtown. Plus, it's kind of nice to stand around the grill on a December morning up in the Dairy State.



David Preston

## OKLAHOMA

In Oklahoma, we're talking about a state that was founded by people arriving in their vehicles early for the big event. The Sooner Schooner just might be the world's very first tailgating sport utility vehicle. Combine that history with OU's tradition of winning football, and you've got perhaps the perfect recipe for tailgating success. And while Florida and Georgia stake claim to the "world's largest outdoor cocktail party" each year in Jacksonville, the annual Texas-Oklahoma tilt in Dallas is certainly one of college football's premier pregame venues.



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## NAVY

College football is all about tradition and pageantry. So are military academies. Combine the two, and you have a lot of tradition and pageantry. Which is what makes tailgating at Navy so much fun. It begins early in the morning, as alumni from classes as far back as the early 1940s can be seen setting up tents, tables and grills in preparation for a long day of partying on the perimeter of the parking lots. It is a tradition that goes back as far as many can remember. Of course, the highlight of any Navy tailgate is the march-on of the Brigade of Midshipmen, when the 4,000 Midshipmen march over from the Naval Academy to the stadium and onto the field prior to the game. It is a spectacle that attracts fans to the game as much as the teams themselves do (especially true over the last four years, when Navy has posted a record of 11–35). But with head coach Paul Johnson dramatically turning things around in Annapolis, Navy fans have a new question to ponder — which is more fun, the tailgating or the games?



Al Kooistra

## PRINCETON

To tailgate at a Princeton football game is to take a step back in time, to the days of leather helmets, cheerleaders in wool sweaters and saddle shoes, and sportswriters in fedoras banging out stories on manual typewriters. Well, maybe it's not exactly like that, but it is tailgating in its most traditional sense. Proud, successful alumni and eager students eating the finest breads, meats, and cheeses, seated on plush black and orange blankets, sipping fine wines on brisk autumn afternoons in the Garden State. Well, it's not exactly like that either, but it's the Ivy League after all, so it's close. Right?

## OHIO STATE

Buckeye fans take their tailgating as seriously as they take their football, adding a dose of friendly competition to the tradition. Who are the best Ohio State tailgaters — hundreds of red-clad folks will tell you it's them. Personalized plates, satellite dishes, Tivo, kegs of beer, grills that never extinguish, RVs galore — you better bring your A game if you want to be noticed in Columbus. Olentangy — is that a river or a tart new condiment?

## CLEMSON

Think of autumn and what color do you think of? Orange. Clemson tailgaters take full advantage of the fact their favorite team's color is also the official color of fall: nothing shows you know how to party in the parking lot like a big orange pumpkin with a tiger paw carved into it, or a bright orange cooler full of drinks, or a huge orange tent to provide shade. On game days, when Clemson, S.C., becomes the third largest "city" in the state of South Carolina, it might be better known as Orangeville.

## MARSHALL

A thundering herd. The phrase could aptly describe many tailgating scenes across America. Iowa fans lining up for more burgers. Bama backers heading back for more fried chicken. Syracuse faithful rushing into the Dome in time for kickoff. Capitalize a couple of letters, and you've got the Thundering Herd, the finest tailgaters in the land of country roads. Whether they're arriving 12 hours early to the lots on the south or west sides of the stadium or packing into neighborhood bars, Marshall fans are as proud of their tailgating prowess as they are of local heroes Randy Moss and Chad Pennington.

## TEXAS

As long as they can keep Aggie fans from barbecuing their mascot, Texas fans know how to tailgate, whether it's in Austin or in the Big D at the annual tilt with Oklahoma. Great weather, plenty of pick-up trucks, some Shiner Bock, beef brisket, and a little Tex-Mex combine for picture-perfect tailgating in the heart of Texas.

## OLE MISS

The Grove. The very name conjures up images of Southern gentility, of serenity, tradition, and class. One of the college game's most storied tailgating grounds, The Grove (a 10-acre park in the middle of campus) is where you'll find anybody who's anybody prior to Ole Miss games. Open from 6 a.m. to midnight on game days, the Grove is home to the Walk of Champions, the path the Rebs traditionally stroll through on their way to Vaught-Hemingway Stadium.



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## TENNESSEE

With a stadium that holds 104,000 people, you'd expect Tennessee fans from all corners of the Volunteer State to arrive on fall Saturdays in a variety of ways — car, truck, bus, plane, RV. How about boat? The "Vol Navy" is the name given to the UT fans who sail the Tennessee River to Knoxville, and the scores of boats docked beside Neyland Stadium create one of the nation's most unusual tailgating experiences. Of course, there's no "Navy Blue" to be found on these sailors — just a sea of orange. And while Wisconsin produces traditional tailgate fare like beer and brats, Tennessee stakes claim to such common-man staples as Jack Daniel's and Krystal burgers.



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## WASHINGTON

One of the most unique — and picturesque — tailgating venues in the nation is at the University of Washington, where Husky fans have the good fortune to trade asphalt for the blue waters of Lake Washington. The stadium's location on the lakeshore allows fans from all over the Seattle area to travel — and tailgate, or "sterngate," as it were — on their boats, dining on salmon, crab, and sipping some of Seattle's finest coffees. Ever helpful members of the UW crew team ferry fans to and from shore.

## AIR FORCE

Could there be a more impressive spectacle than tailgating at the foot of the Rocky Mountains with Air Force fighter jets performing awe-inspiring maneuvers overhead? Some may argue that a dessert buffet complete with blueberry cobbler, double chocolate brownies, and pineapple upside down cake is more visually stunning, and who could argue, really? But to tailgate Air Force style is to truly aim high. At more than 7,000 feet above sea level, it's not the booze making you lightheaded — besides, cadets can't drink.

## TAILGATING WITH A TWIST

When it comes to truly enjoying the pageantry of college football, there are two kinds of people: those who tailgate, and those who tailgate in RVs.

And when it comes to tailgating in RVs, there are no fans who have more fun or are more highly organized than the members of the Kentucky Road Cats RV Club, diehard followers of the University of Kentucky football team.

Every home game, you'll find more than 100 RVs parked near Commonwealth Stadium, from the newest late-model vehicles equipped with satellite dishes to old clunkers held together with duct tape and UK bumper stickers. Husbands and wives, retirees and younger alums, former players and current players' parents — it's a diverse crowd brought together by a love for Wildcat football and the RV lifestyle.

While the Road Cats partake in many of the events RV tailgaters enjoy in stadium parking lots across the nation — Friday karaoke nights, all-night bull sessions, the traditional burning of the opposing team's stuffed mascot, a little beer drinking — this group sets itself apart by giving more than just vocal support for their favorite team.

Club president Pete Owens, a former SEC referee, says he is most proud that his tight-knit group raises money each year to award a scholarship to a member of the UK athletic support staff, such as a student trainer or team manager. What began as a modest \$500 scholarship has now grown to a \$3,000 grant, a gesture that is much-appreciated by students who work as hard as the players but typically receive little recognition.

"The scholarship, the camaraderie with the club members, this whole thing is just a lot of fun," says Owens. "Traveling in an RV exposes you to all the different people who participate in college football, from the fans to the players to the students. It's a great lifestyle."

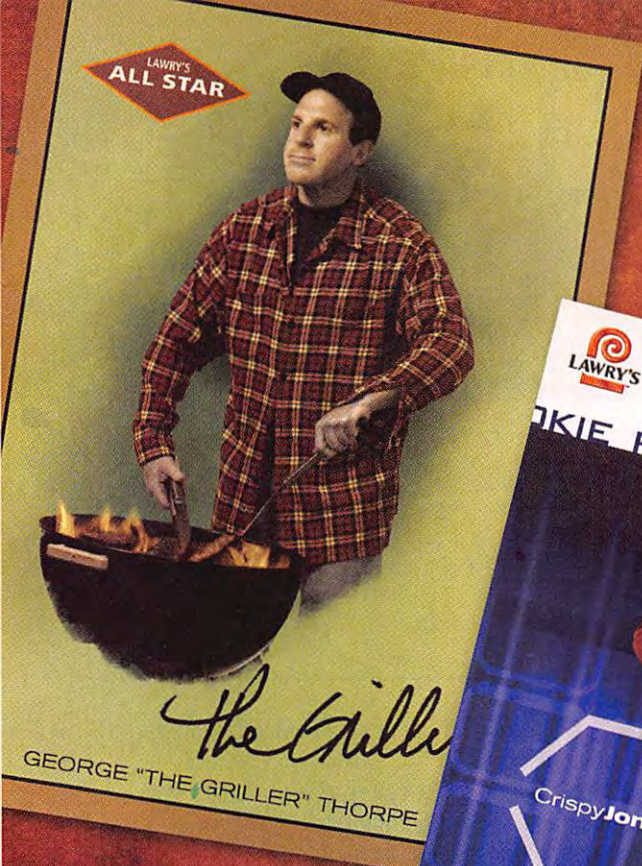


## RVING IN STYLE

To see how other college fans tailgate in style, check out the Athlon Sports/Fleetwood Tailgating Tour coming to a campus near you:

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Sept. 18	Seattle, WA	UCLA at Washington
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Nov. 13	Eugene, OR	UCLA at Oregon
Nov. 20	Tallahassee, FL	Florida at Florida State
Nov. 20	Berkeley, CA	Stanford at Cal
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Makes 4 burgers.

## GRILLED GARLIC LIME CHICKEN

Fresh lime sparks the savory flavor and keeps the chicken juicy on the grill.

- 2 1/2 pounds chicken pieces
- 2 tablespoons Bertolli<sup>®</sup> Olive Oil
- 1 tablespoon Lawry's<sup>®</sup> Seasoned Salt
- 1 teaspoon Lawry's<sup>®</sup> Seasoned Pepper
- 3 or 4 limes cut into quarters
- 1 tablespoon Lawry's<sup>®</sup> Garlic Salt

In large bowl, toss chicken with oil, Seasoned Salt and Seasoned Pepper. Place in large resealable plastic bag and keep cold until ready to grill. Cut limes into quarters and keep cold. Grill chicken, over medium heat, about 30 minutes or until chicken is thoroughly cooked, turning frequently. While chicken is cooking, squeeze limes over chicken and sprinkle lightly with Garlic Salt after each turn.

## SESAME GINGER BEEF & PINEAPPLE KABOBS

Quick & Easy! Marinate in the cooler on the way to the game, assemble and grill.

- 3/4 cup Lawry's<sup>®</sup> Sesame Ginger Marinade with Mandarin Orange Juice
- 1 can (16 oz.) pineapple chunks, reserving liquid
- 1 1/2 pounds sirloin steak, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 red bell peppers, cut into chunks
- 2 medium onions, quartered
- 6 skewers

In small bowl, whisk together Sesame Ginger Marinade and 1 tablespoon pineapple juice; reserve 1/4 cup. In Ziploc<sup>®</sup> bag, combine steak and 1/2 cup marinade mixture. Marinate in refrigerator or cooler for 1 hour, turning several times. Remove beef, discarding used marinade. On skewers, alternate steak with vegetables and pineapple chunks until all are used. Place kabobs on grill about 4 inches from heat source. Cook to desired doneness, turning and brushing with reserved marinade mixture.  
Makes 6 servings.

### Tailgating Tips

- Lightly coat grill grates with oil before cooking to prevent chicken from sticking.
- Grill a selection of peppers or chiles alongside chicken; remove stems and seeds and chop into your favorite salsa. Serve chicken with salsa, sour cream and warm flour tortillas.
- Try pairing the tangy flavor of this chicken with the fruity and full-bodied flavors of Black Swan Chardonnay.



Prep. Time: 15 minutes  
Marinate Time: 1 hour  
Cook Time: 10 to 15 minutes

### Tailgating Tips

- Use inexpensive, disposable wooden skewers for quick & easy clean-up. Soak wooden skewers in water 1 hour before using to help prevent them from burning.
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1. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Entrants must be 18 years of age or older to enter. You may obtain an official entry form by mailing request to: Honey of a BBQ Tailgating Contest, 400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2640, Sacramento, CA 95814. Requests for and official entry form must be received by November 5, 2004.
2. You may enter the Honey of a BBQ Tailgating Contest by submitting your name, address (including zip code), age, daytime telephone number and original recipe and mailing it to: Honey of a BBQ Tailgating Contest, 400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2640, Sacramento, CA 95814. All entries must be postmarked by November 4, 2004 and received by November 9, 2004. You may also enter your recipe online by emailing [HoneyBBQ@nhb.org](mailto:HoneyBBQ@nhb.org). Recipes must contain at least 1/3 cup honey as an ingredient. The National Honey Board assumes no responsibility for lost, late, damaged, misdirected, illegible, incomplete or postage-due mail or entries. Enter as often as you like, but each entry is limited to one (1) recipe and must be mailed separately. Recipes must be typed, or legibly written, and instructions must be clear. Include a list of all ingredients and include the number of servings. Recipes not meeting these criteria will be disqualified.
3. All entries, including recipes and any photographs, become the property of the National Honey Board and will not be returned. Submission of entry grants the National Honey Board and its agents the right to publish, use, adapt, edit and/or modify such entry in any way, in any and all media, without limitation, and without consideration to the entrant. Submission of an entry further constitutes the entrant's irrevocable waiver of any moral rights and assignment and transfer to the National Honey Board of any and all rights, title, and interest in and to the entry, including, without limitation, all copyrights and other intellectual property rights. Entries must be the original work of the entrant, may not have won previous awards, may not have been published previously, must not infringe third party rights, and must be suitable for publication (i.e., not obscene or indecent). Entrants waive all rights and remedies at law or in equity for any claim they may have relating to this promotion.
4. Thirty-two (32) semi-finalists will be selected by a judging panel that includes a professional chef. Decisions of the judge are final. Entries will be judged by the following criteria: originality (40%); innovative use of honey (30%); and fit with outdoor barbecue theme (30%). The finalists will be selected by December 6, 2004 and will be notified by mail on or before December 14. Three (3) finalists will be chosen to compete for the grand prize on or around December 29. The grand prize winner will be selected by news media, celebrity spokesperson and a professional chef. Finalist entries will be judged on the following criteria: taste/texture (25%); creativity (25%); appearance (25%); and innovative use of honey (25%).
5. Prizes: One (1) grand prize winner will receive a trip for two to the 2005 Pro Football All-Star game in Honolulu, HI on February 5-9, 2005. Trip includes round trip airfare, four nights hotel accommodations, transfers to and from Aloha Stadium on game day, Two (2) Pro Football All-Star game tickets and round trip hotel transfers (Approximate retail value: \$3,500). Meals and gratuities and all other expenses not specified herein are the Finalists' responsibilities. Thirty-two (32) semi-finalists will receive \$250. The odds of winning depend upon the criteria described above and the number of entrants. All taxes on prizes are the winners' sole responsibility. All prizes will be awarded according to these rules and distributed no later than February 20, 2005.
6. Semi-finalists must provide positive identification specified by the National Honey Board to claim their prize and will be required to sign and return an affidavit of eligibility. Semi-finalists will be required to sign and return liability and publicity releases within 10 days of notification or the prize will be forfeited and awarded to an alternate winner. Except where prohibited, acceptance of a prize constitutes a Semi-Finalist's agreement to hold harmless the National Honey Board, its affiliates and the officers, directors, employees and agents of each of them from and against any injuries, losses or damages related in any way to their participation in this promotion, including the National Honey Board's reliance upon their compliance with these rules, and their agreement that National Honey Board may use his or her name, voice, likeness and/or biographical data for advertising and promotional purposes on any and all media without additional compensation, where permitted by law.
7. This contest is open only to residents of the United States, 21 years of age or older. The National Honey Board, its affiliates, its advertising and promotion agencies, licensed retailers, wholesalers, the judging panel and directors, officers, employees and agents of each of them and their immediate families and/or household residents are not eligible to participate. The contest shall only be construed and evaluated according to United States law, and submission of an entry constitutes acceptance of the laws of the United States. This contest is void where prohibited.
8. For the names of the winners, send a self-addressed stamped legal size envelope after March 1, 2005 to: Honey of a BBQ Tailgating Contest Winners List, 400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2640, Sacramento, CA 95814.



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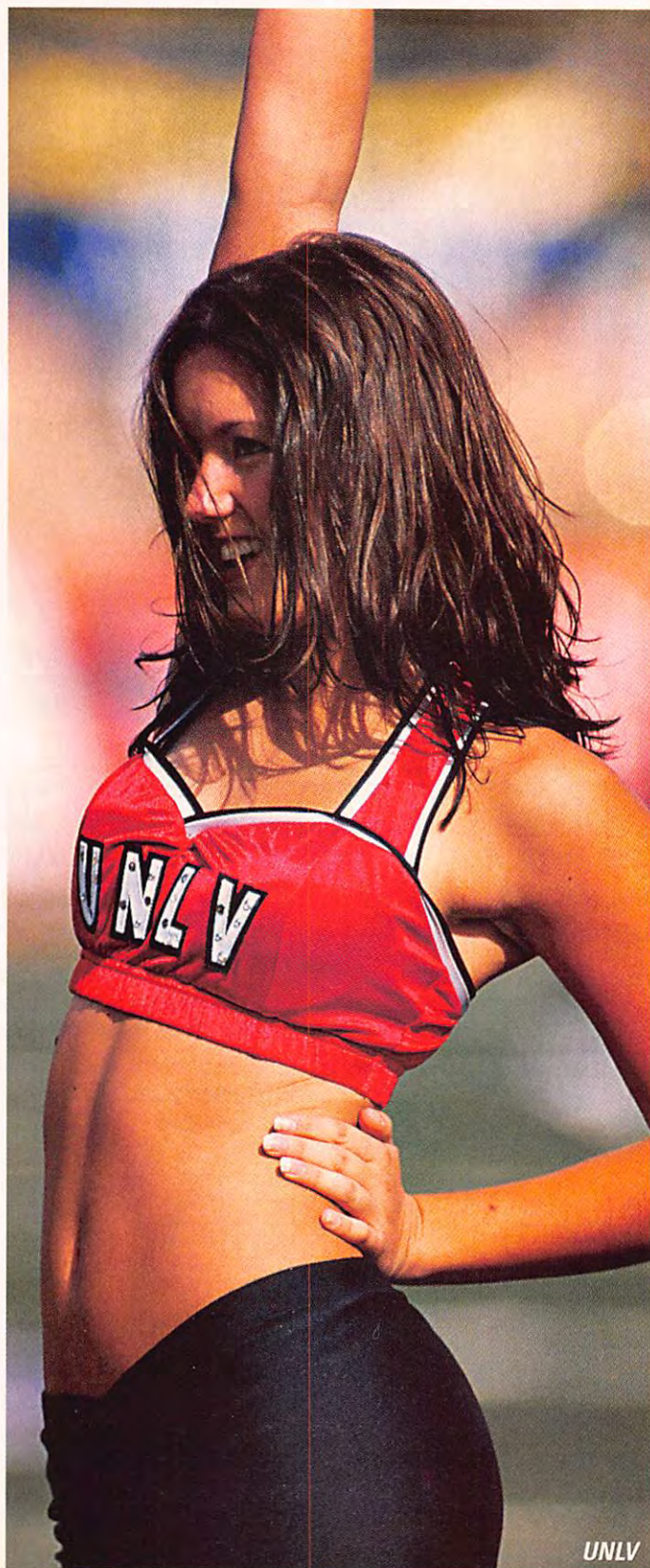
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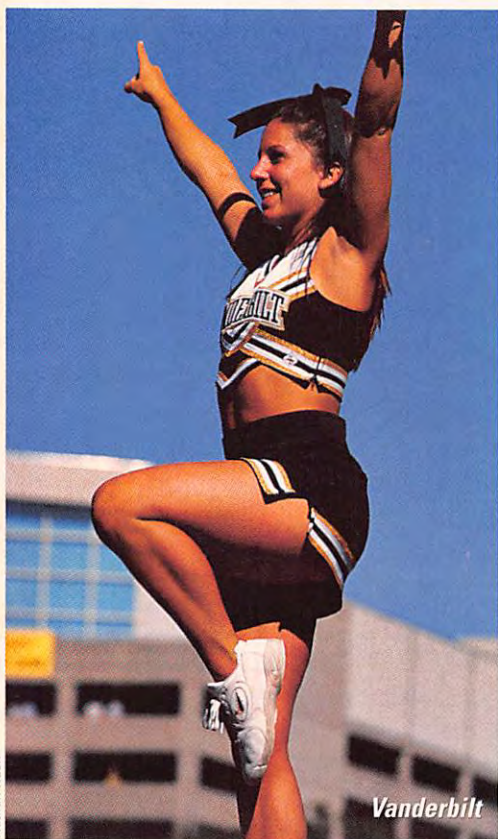
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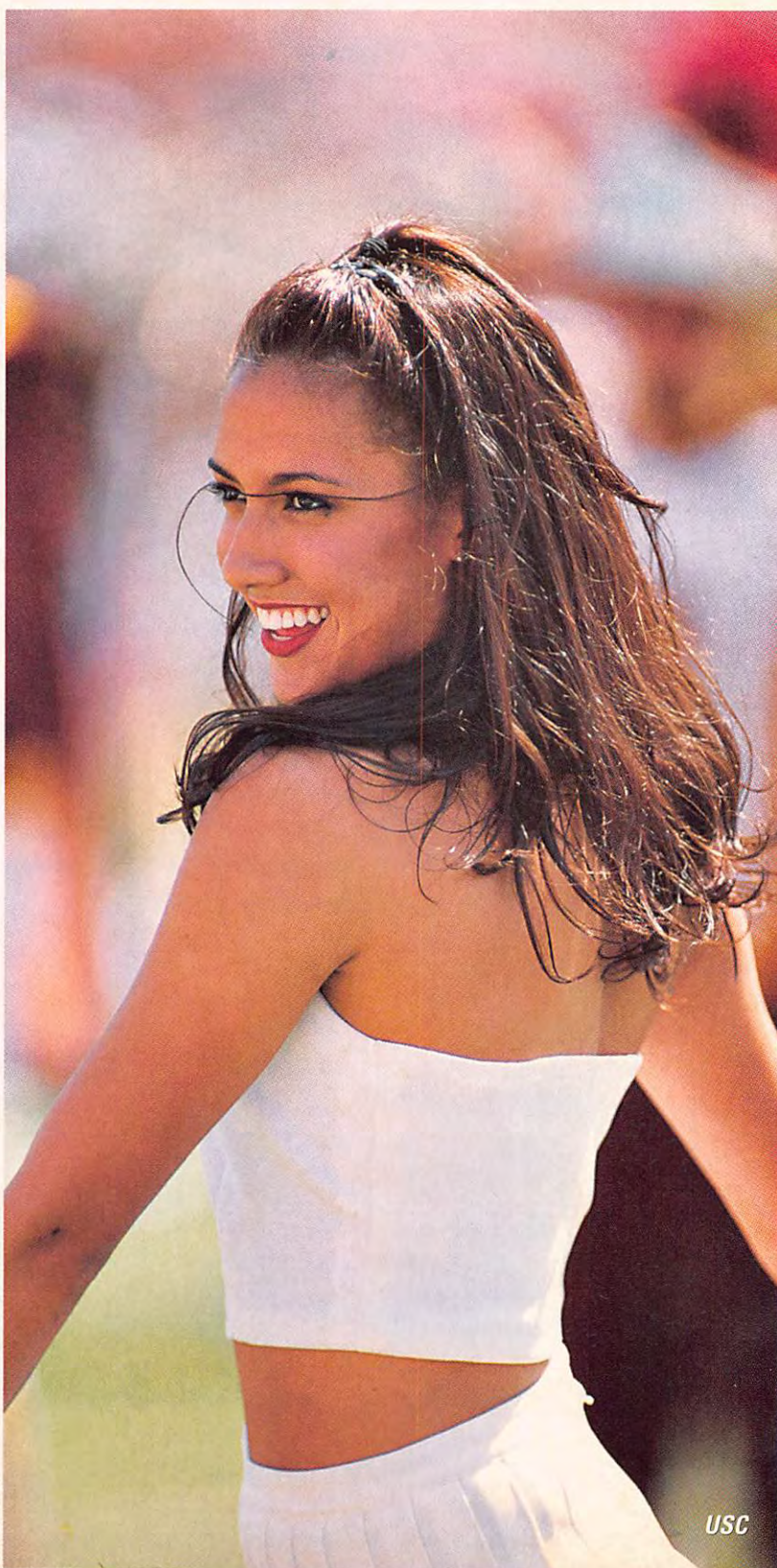
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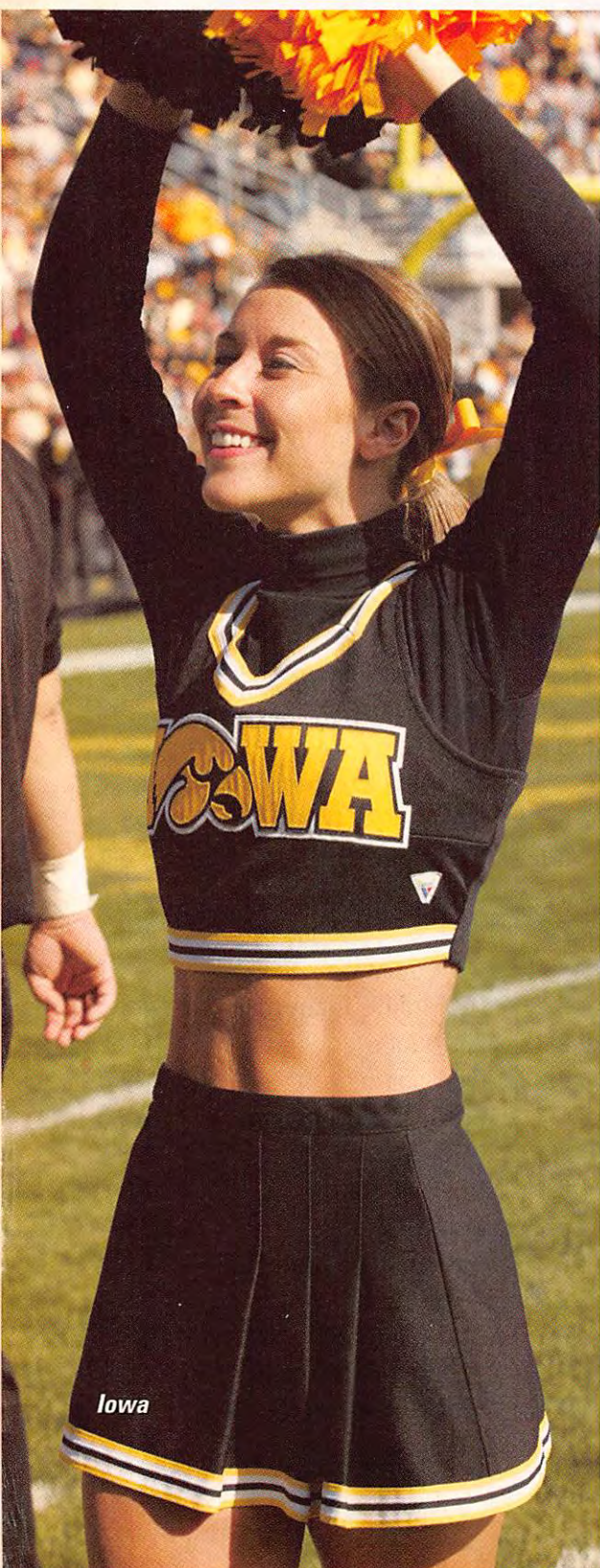


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Here it is — the season at a glance. We've projected this year's records for all 117 Division I-A teams, although we've hedged our bets again with the "swing game" designation (the third number in each record). Worth noting: The lowest-ranked team without a sure loss is Memphis (No. 34). The highest-ranked team without a sure win: BYU, at No. 87.

1. USC	12-0-0	40. Southern Miss	6-3-2	79. Arizona	1-9-1
2. Oklahoma	10-0-1	41. Ole Miss	5-3-3	80. North Carolina	1-8-2
3. Georgia	9-0-2	42. Louisville	8-1-2	81. North Texas	8-2-1
4. Miami	10-0-1	43. Colorado	4-5-2	82. Mississippi State	2-6-3
5. West Virginia	10-0-1	44. Alabama	5-3-3	83. Illinois	2-8-1
6. Texas	10-0-1	45. UCLA	3-3-5	84. Stanford	1-9-1
7. Michigan	10-0-1	46. Penn State	4-6-1	85. Iowa State	1-8-2
8. LSU	8-0-3	47. Michigan State	3-5-4	86. Cincinnati	1-8-2
9. Florida State	8-0-3	48. Marshall	9-2-0	87. BYU	0-7-4
10. Ohio State	9-0-2	49. Boise State	7-1-3	88. Nevada	4-6-2
11. Missouri	8-1-2	50. Washington	3-5-3	89. Duke	1-8-2
12. Kansas State	9-1-1	51. Georgia Tech	4-7-0	90. UCF	5-6-0
13. Clemson	7-1-3	52. Texas A&M	3-6-2	91. UNLV	1-6-4
14. California	9-1-1	53. UAB	6-4-1	92. Baylor	1-8-2
15. Florida	7-0-4	54. Vanderbilt	2-5-4	93. New Mexico State	4-4-3
16. Utah	10-0-1	55. Hawaii	7-1-4	94. Wyoming	2-7-2
17. Iowa	7-1-3	56. New Mexico	5-3-3	95. UTEP	2-6-3
18. Tennessee	7-1-3	57. Tulsa	7-1-4	96. Louisiana Tech	0-8-4
19. Auburn	8-1-2	58. Arizona State	2-5-4	97. Western Michigan	2-7-2
20. Maryland	6-1-4	59. Washington State	3-3-5	98. Akron	3-6-2
21. Wisconsin	7-1-3	60. Navy	6-1-4	99. UL Lafayette	5-2-4
22. Oregon State	7-2-2	61. Rutgers	4-2-5	100. East Carolina	1-8-2
23. Nebraska	8-2-1	62. Pittsburgh	3-4-4	101. Troy State	3-4-4
24. Minnesota	8-1-2	63. Colorado State	4-5-2	102. Middle Tennessee	4-3-4
25. Virginia	6-2-3	64. Northern Illinois	6-2-3	103. Tulane	1-8-2
26. TCU	9-0-2	65. Syracuse	3-5-3	104. Temple	1-10-0
27. Purdue	6-3-2	66. Northwestern	2-7-3	105. Central Michigan	1-5-5
28. Oklahoma State	6-4-1	67. Wake Forest	3-7-1	106. Arkansas State	0-6-5
29. Oregon	8-2-1	68. South Florida	4-6-1	107. Kent State	1-5-5
30. Boston College	9-1-1	69. Kansas	1-8-2	108. Ball State	0-8-3
31. NC State	5-5-1	70. Arkansas	2-8-1	109. San Jose State	1-9-2
32. Virginia Tech	6-3-3	71. Bowling Green	7-3-1	110. SMU	0-9-2
33. South Carolina	4-3-4	72. Rice	5-5-1	111. Utah State	0-8-3
34. Memphis	8-0-3	73. Kentucky	1-7-3	112. Eastern Michigan	1-5-5
35. Fresno State	8-1-2	74. Connecticut	4-4-3	113. UL Monroe	1-6-4
36. Toledo	10-1-0	75. Miami (Ohio)	7-3-1	114. Ohio	1-8-2
37. Notre Dame	5-3-3	76. Houston	3-7-1	115. Buffalo	0-7-4
38. San Diego State	7-1-3	77. Indiana	2-7-2	116. Army	0-10-1
39. Texas Tech	4-4-3	78. Air Force	3-4-4	117. Idaho	0-8-4



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